

# the WHITE family

Missionaries to

**BOLIVIA**

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## **Mending a Broken Heart:**

I can remember as a kid drawing hearts with an arrow through it that supposedly represented “true” love. I also remember drawing hearts with a zig zag slash down the middle when that “true” love ended. That was supposed to represent a broken heart. Although drawing broken heart might seem childish, the Bible, especially in Psalms, and other places, speaks often of a broken heart or spirit and the He is there to mend that broken heart. How many today, walk around with a “broken heart” spiritually speaking from the hardship and difficulties they have faced? This past month Beth and I were able to travel to Peru for a ladies conference that she was teaching in, that was titled “Mending the Broken Heart”. The conference was Thursday - Saturday and Beth taught five different times sharing about how the Lord is the only one that can truly change our hearts and heal us. Then on Sunday I was able to preach in two different churches before we headed back to Bolivia on Monday. The trip was long, traveling through the Andes mountains for ten to twelve hours, but was worth it to be able to share with the ladies and churches there.

## **School Materials:**

As we have mentioned in the past, our school schedule here is backwards from that of the US, so the school year starts in February and ends in December. So, with the new school year starting this past month, we decided to try and reach out into the community by preparing and giving out bags with the school materials that the students needed. Here in Bolivia, each student is required to buy their own supplies, including; paper, pencils, glue, crayons, scissors, rulers, and many other things. As this can be very expensive, we saw it as a great opportunity to get people’s attention. Although we have done this at our other churches, we had not done it at our new church in Chiquicollo; and we did not know what to expect. This activity was headed up by Courtney Mathos, that works with us here in the ministry and some of the other ladies at church. Well the night of, there were around 160 that showed up (they lost count) between both parents and children. Since they prepared one hundred bags they had to ask sixty of them to return the next week for their materials. We praise the Lord that both times we were able to share the gospel those who came.

## **Teacher Training:**

As our church has grown, it has been a blessing to see more people with a desire to help in different ministries. We have seen this especially in our children’s ministry with those who have a desire to help and teach. This is why Courtney along with my wife Beth had a teachers training time for several weeks on Saturday. We praise the Lord for the ten or so people that participated and are excited about them being able to begin teaching soon.

## **Prayer Requests:**

1. Pray for the economic problems here as they have gotten worse.
2. Pray for the churches and pastors here because of how economic problems are affecting them.
3. Pray for our Regional Conference that we have this month with all the missionaries from Latin America.
4. Pray for the upcoming elections we will have in August of this year.



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