

Missionaries to

BOLIVIA

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The Vote is in:

The political situation in Bolivia, South America has been anything but stable over the past year. This time last year, the previous president, that represented the socialist party, was ousted by the people, because he was attempting to run for a third term that the constitution did not allow for and there was also suspected fraud. Because of Covid, the elections had been postponed, until October the 18th, when they were able to vote for who would lead the country for the next five years. The vote was between the former leftwing socialist party and a group of different political parties that represented the rightwing conservatives. To the surprise of many, the socialist party won by a large margin and will begin the transition to regain power over the next few months.

As missionaries working in Bolivia, we were concerned about this election, but all the time praying and trusting the Lord. Our desire, whatever the results, was that it would lead to the progress of the gospel and His work in Bolivia. In the past we have been able to continue doing ministry in Bolivia, but with increasing control over the churches. With our government being very similar to that of Venezuela, we have been praying that it would not affect us in our ministry there. As we move forward, we continue to trust the Lord, that He will indeed use all this for His honor and glory, and for the progress of the gospel in Bolivia. It does however give a sense of urgency as we know, the same as anywhere else, that our time is always limited for what we do for the Lord. It also gives us an urgency to pray for more laborers to Bolivia and many countries in Latin America that are quickly headed towards socialism. Please continue to pray with us, that Christ might be lifted up in Bolivia and around the world.

The Church is not Dead:

After almost eight months of differing lockdown restrictions in Bolivia, the churches were able to begin having services again, this past month. They prepared to follow all the guidelines that were required by the government and concerns of the people. The seats were separated and everyone had to wear a mask and use hand sanitizer before entering. They were also not allowed to shake hands or hug, during, or after service, which is a big part of church life there. Well in spite of these restrictions, the response was very encouraging to see how that the people were so excited to be able to meet again and worship together. Although some were not able to come back yet and some are still cautious, the response was better than we anticipated. This means that the churches can begin to reach out to the many people that need the Lord and fulfill their purpose in the Lord's work. The church is Quillacollo is working hard to be able to start having services again soon, but for them it will be on their new land that was purchased before the pandemic started. They hope to begin construction this month, but are making plans to even start having services in a nearby park to begin reaching people in the area. Please continue to pray for the churches, and people there that have suffered so much in the past months.

Prayer Requests:

- 1. Pray for the churches in Bolivia as they begin to have services again.
- 2. Pray for the Bolivian government that they will not interfere with the preaching of the gospel.
- 3. Pray for the church in Quillacollo as they begin to build.
- 4. Pray that the Lord will continue to raise up laborers both here in the US and in Bolivia.



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