

Missionaries to

BOLIVIA

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Special Protection:

As many of you know, two years ago this past December I had eye surgery for a detached retina on my right eye. It was a very difficult ordeal and many of you prayed for me and even helped financially during that time. It took a month for me to return home to Cochabamba and close to a year of recovery before I could really start to get back to normal. Well on Saturday January the 9th we were visiting a church for their missions' emphasis weekend, and during the meal that night I began to see slight flashing lights in my left eye followed by lots of floaters that I could see in my vision. On Monday morning I called an eye doctor here and they had me come in that same morning and unfortunately it was another detached retina, this time in my left eye and they scheduled surgery immediately for the next morning. The surgery went well and because I was able to have the surgery only a couple of days after it happened, they said the recovery would be a few weeks to a month unlike the last time. I praise the Lord that three weeks in now, and my eve is almost completely back too normal. I have to restrain from some activities for a few more weeks but then I should be fine. I also did not have to be face down this time because the tear was at the bottom and the gas in my eye was gone in two weeks. I praise the Lord for His goodness in all this and that I have been ab le to recover so much quicker and that my vision was not affected this time.

Special Provision:

We praise the Lord for His provision and blessing on our ministry and the generosity of His people. We have had several blessings recently with special offering that have been given. First, we want to thank many of you that gave special Christmas offerings for December and January. This is really a great blessing to us during a time when there are many extra expenses. Also, we received an offering this month for \$699 for the construction of the church in Quillacollo. This will help them greatly to get started on their perimeter wall around the property. Then we heard from a supporting church that is going to be sponsoring one of our pastors for the first year of his new church plant that we will be starting in the next few months. This will allow him to be able to focus all of his energy on reaching people and getting the church going. If you would like to help, there are many special opportunities to give and help the ministry in Bolivia. We are also hoping to help several of our pastors get Bible study software so that they can better prepare for preaching. If you would like to help, I can give you more information about this opportunity.

Special Offering:

I would like to encourage you to consider helping with a special offering that will be taken this Easter for the BCWE training center here. If each church will take a special offering on Easter, it will allow us to start building right away and hopefully be able to have classes on the property very soon. All the preparations have been made, with promotional material and videos that you can show in your church, leading up to the offering. If you would like more information please go to bcwe.org and click on Our Generation Easter Offering.

Prayer Requests:

- 1. Pray for continued safety as we travel around the US visiting churches.
- 2. Pray for the churches in Bolivia and the young men preparing for the ministry.
- 3. Pray for the church in Quillacollo as they begin to build.
- 4. Pray that we can soon start building the *Baptist Center for World Evangelism*.



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