

the WHITE family

Missionaries to

BOLIVIA

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Refresh and Recharge:

This past month we were able to have our yearly orientation for Vision Baptist Missions. It is a time of learning and great encouragement to continue faithfully doing what the Lord has called us to do. Serving the Lord on the mission field can be a trying time and it is very easy to get discouraged, disillusioned and even side tracked from what we are there to do. I heard it said once that most missionaries never make it more than one term. Now, there could be many reasons for someone leaving the mission field, but I believe that discouragement is probably the greatest reason. I can say from personal experience that the thought of quitting goes through your mind on a regular basis. I really believe the main thing that has helped us through the years (outside of the Lord obviously) has been the ongoing training we have received, and the continual encouragement from friends and other missionaries that work with us. Well, that was what this week of orientation was about. It was really a time to recharge our spiritual batteries and help get our focus on what is important. Not only did we have lessons about how to keep our marriages strong and how to deal with discouragement, but we also had lots of fun and fellowship with the other families. Serving the Lord has been the greatest joy of our lives and we are grateful for those that we get to serve with.

Heading Home:

We are excited to announce that our tickets have been purchased for our return to Bolivia for the 7th of July. As the time draws near, there are still uncertainties about the situation with the virus in Bolivia and South America in general. Many countries have been going back on quarantine and even closing their international borders for periods of time and then opening up again. Thankfully, in Bolivia they have only reduced the number of hours that you can be out during the day, putting a curfew after 8:00 pm on weekends. So as of right now, we will be able to return and only have to self-quarantine for ten days after we arrive. We pray that things will continue to improve so that we can get back to work in the ministry as soon as we arrive. There is still so much work to be done and we are excited about the possibility of starting a new church when we arrive.

Winding Down:

This past month ended our busiest time of travel as we were gone from home almost the entire month. We started out with orientation and the beginning of the month and then we were in South Carolina and North Carolina. Then from there we were in back-to-back mission's conferences, one in Pennsylvania and the other in Ohio. While in Pennsylvania we were able to take the kids to Gettysburg and do the virtual drive through tour of the battle field. Then while in Ohio we actually had two days that it snowed around three inches but it didn't last long after the sun came out. We were also able to see Lake Erie which we found out was named because of it's appearance but because to the Eire Indians that were originally in that area. We praise the Lord once again for safety and blessings as we have traveled.

Prayer Requests:

1. Pray for the many people being affected by Covid in South America.
2. Pray for the church in Quillacollo as they are finalizing plans to build.
3. Pray for us as we make plans for our next church plant.
4. Pray that we can reach many with the gospel that are suffering in Bolivia.



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