

# the WHITE family

Missionaries to

**BOLIVIA**

**August 2021**

## **The Eagle Has Landed:**

Thank you so much to all who prayed for us during our transition back to Bolivia. Although we had to rearrange some things in our carryons to get them under weight, everything went smoothly on our trip. When we arrived on Thursday morning we were greeted with one of our favorite breakfast foods here in Bolivia, Salteñas. They are a small hot pocket style food filled with meat and vegetables. It really felt good to be back in Bolivia and strangely enough almost felt like we had never left. One of our first tasks was to find a house, so we began looking in the paper and online and even had help from some friends that had been looking for us. The Lord has blessed us with each house that we have lived in on the field, (4 total in three terms) but after close to two week of looking we were not finding any good options and we had seemed to exhaust all of our resources. It was then that I remembered the house that we had been in our entire last term and found out that it was still unoccupied. We spoke with the owners and while they are wanting to sell the house, they agreed to rent to us at least for a year. So we are now 98% moved in and settled back to the way things were before we left last year. Since we painted the entire inside of the house before leaving, we can now enjoy a little of the hard work we put into it.

## **Hitting the Ground Running:**

Although our first priority after arriving is to get moved in and settled in our house, this time we have been busy from the start, visiting the churches, meeting with pastors and Beth has met with the pastor's wives several times to encourage them and start plans for a ladies conference that will take place later this year. I have been meeting weekly with one of the newer pastors to help with his message preparations and we have started a weekly pastors meeting to encourage and refocus by reading books together and talking about many different aspects of ministry life. All this with the goal of seeing the Lord do much more in the ministry than we have ever seen before. Today when we met, we talked about how everything starts with our relationship and walk with the Lord and that without His hand and power in our lives, everything we attempt will be in vain. (1 Cor. 2:4) We are excited about how the Lord is going to work in and through each of these men and their families.

## **The New Normal:**

One of the biggest things we were worried about returning to Bolivia was the COVID situation. Up until a couple of weeks before, Cochabamba and much of the country was in a crisis situation with thousands of new cases a day and the medical system completely collapsed. Thankfully things have gotten better very quickly and we have gone from an 8:00pm curfew on weekdays and 4:00pm on Sundays to now we are free to go out from 5:00am to 12:00 midnight. This means that we are starting to have in person services again and out side of still having to wear masks and getting alcohol sprayed on us upon entering every building, things are slowly returning to normal. We are excited about this and the possibility of moving forward with ministry plans.

## **Prayer Requests:**

1. Pray that things will continue to return to normal and that the churches can reopen.
2. Pray for many here who have suffered, and that they will be more open to the gospel.
3. Pray for the churches and pastors as they make plans for the rest of this year.
4. Pray for us as we begin to make plans for new ministries opportunities.



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