



# What is happening in Bolivia?

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Dear Friends & Partners;

Things are moving forward in our work here in Bolivia, and we want to share the latest news with you. We also want you to know that you are vital to our work, and we praise God for your presence in our lives. We love you and appreciate everything you do for us!

In this letter we will discuss...

1. Our Church Update
2. A New Work
3. The Kids Clubs
5. Fruit That Remains
6. 100 Young People

**Our Church Update:** Our main church, Iglesia Bautista Biblica La Luz, is continuing to march forward with the Gospel! We have seen many services that had well over 100 hundred people in attendance. In our Special Events, we have hosted as many as 260 people. We've seen people saved, others rededicate their lives to Christ, and people literally snatched from the clutches of suicide! Recently, we began bussing people in from one of the areas where we have a Kids Club. The cost to rent a bus and driver is less than \$20 per week. As finances permit, we'd like to expand to running other busses to different areas of Tarija. We praise God for this Church and are working diligently with them to evangelize and disciple people.

**A New Work:** While Victory Baptist Church (our sending Church) was here in October, we launched a new ministry in a community called "Santiago". This work began with an evangelistic movie on a Sunday evening. Since that time, there have been weekly meetings on

Saturdays and Sundays. A place to meet has been rented, chairs have been bought, and it looks like the community is very receptive to having a new church in their midst. We are excited about this as it is a new community that is under development. Our vision is to have a church presence in place as the neighborhood continues to grow. In this work, we are partnering with Pastor Mario Flores and his family. Pastor Mario is a graduate of the Bible Institute here in Tarija. In 2003-2004, we were privileged to have him in the classes we taught while he was preparing for the Ministry. Currently, they have a Church with no home that has been meeting in the courtyard of one of their members homes. They literally meet under a tree and tarps. This is a wonderful group of Believers, and their goal is to reach this new community and permanently relocate their church. We are honored to be able to help them. Please pray that this work grows, that people are saved, and that the Church will become a vital part of the community.

**The Kids Clubs:** We have made a change to the name of some of our Children's Clubs. They have been known as an "Hora Feliz", which translates as "Happy Hour". Personally, we have an issue with the term "Happy Hour" as it is used in the United States. In Bolivia, this has not been a problem. However, recently we drove by a popular restaurant here in town that had the words "Happy Hour" written in English on their window. So, it appears as the English term is now being used here in Tarija. Therefore we have changed the name of our clubs to "Clubs De Luz" which incorporates the name of our Church, Iglesia Bautista Biblica La Luz. Or, "The Light Bible Baptist Church." We are excited about this change for obvious reasons since we bring light into darkness!

**Fruit That Remains:** As you may remember, we have mentioned in previous letters that when we started our church (La Luz) back in 2003; we provided breakfast for our Sunday School children. Two of the little girls that came to church back then are still in Church today; their names are Lucia & Vanessa. They are sisters and are very faithful in their service to the Lord. In fact, both of them are teachers in our Sunday School and Clubs De Luz. We cannot tell you what a blessing it is to see that the Gospel took root, grew, and is now bearing fruit in the lives of these young ladies!

**100 Young People:** We have a special project that we would like to ask you to pray about and consider helping out with financially. The first week of January we will have camp. Previously, camp has been geared toward the young people in our Church. It has been designed to help them grow in their faith. This year, we want to do something different by taking 100 Unsaved Young People with us!!! Camp is a joint effort between our church and another church across town. The cost for a whole week is \$35! The price is reasonable, but better yet; is that 100 young people will be exposed to the Gospel for a solid week with little or no interruptions! Would you please pray about this outreach? Would you be willing to sponsor a young person, or perhaps several? Imagine, for what it cost to send 10-15 Students to camp in the states; here you can send 100! Please let us know if you'd like to be part of this unprecedented

ministry opportunity in Bolivia.

Well, that about sums it up for this month. Please note the pictures below that show some of the things we've mentioned in this letter.

**Prayer Requests:**

1. Please continue praying for the people who have been saved this year in our work.
2. Please keep our Children's Ministries in your thoughts and prayers.
3. Please pray for the new work in Barrio Santiago.
4. As our work expands, we need more support. Please pray that the Lord will open new avenues of partnership for our ministry.
5. Please pray for our upcoming Doctors visits and that a solution will be found to help with Jeff's knee!

We love you, and we remain your hands and feet on the ground in Bolivia! 🙌

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**Iglesia Bautista Biblica La Luz**



Here is a group of adults on a recent Sunday morning as well as one of our children's classes the same day. Currently, we are running 2 children's classes every Sunday morning. In the coming weeks, we will begin a third that will be designed for ages 11-14.

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### **A New Work in Barrio Santiago**



We are partnering with Pastor Mario Flores, his wife Maria, and their children in this new work. They are pictured here along with a photo of the Children's Clubs and one of the Sunday evening services.

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### **Clubs De Luz (Kids Clubs)**



Here is a bus load of people coming to our main services on Sunday morning from one of our Club De Luz ministries. We are seeing adults riding the bus as well as children! Also, each club is growing and developing a "personality" of it's own. In one club, an opportunity opened up to use the neighborhood Community Center a couple of times per month. Our goal is to begin a Bible Study in this area for Adults. We will be collaborating with our friends and fellow Missionaries Paul and Barbara Frizzell to see this work further developed.

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## Fruit That Remains



Lucia and Vanessa are faithful members of our main Church, Iglesia Bautista Biblica La Luz. They began coming to Church as little girls and today are teachers in our Club De Luz and Sunday School ministries.

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### **Please Help 100 Young People Go to Camp!**



This is a typical group at our yearly camp. In these pictures, there are two Churches represented with our Church, Iglesia La Luz having about 35 young people. This year, our mutual goal is to take 100 youngsters who have not been reached with the Gospel. We could use your help! Each person at camp will cost about \$35 for the week. We are not going to ask these young people to pay their way to camp and would like to offer them a scholarship to cover their expenses. We believe that a week around other Believers with time devoted to hearing the Word of God has the potential to bear lasting fruit among this group of young men and women.

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**May God bless you as you serve Him! We are indeed blessed to represent you here among the precious Bolivian people!!!**

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