

Dear Co-laborers,

COVID-19 has most definitely changed the world we live in! On the Bolivian front, even though the cases are at this moment on an exponential rise, the extremely precarious economic reality of the large majority of Bolivians is causing immense desperation. Many have lost their jobs and are going hungry or living off a community food pot. The people holding up a can for a coin in the streets has increased at least tenfold. After four months, the lockdown is being lifted this week across the country. It has turned into every man for himself and the transitional government has given up trying to retain some semblance of order! This very difficult situation has also touched the churches with quite a few cases of Covid-19 and several with family members who have passed away in the last months. Many of our church people under normal conditions live off what they make every day. Many would have almost nothing to eat without the help of other members of the body.

On the positive side Rom. 8:28-29, this new reality has brought the church to mature thru many adverse trials. The sharing between the "haves" and "the have nots" has been experienced to a much great degree than ever before, and with the help of technology we are able to meet twice a day in some churches and the others once a day. The Zoom App, is being used to meet not only with the saints locally but to meet on a global scale. Even those of us who are technologically challenged have eventually learned by trial and error how to connect virtually with the church families. The oneness of The Body of Christ has grown to a much greater depth than ever experienced before. The Bride is being perfected and matured for the soon coming of the Groom. All the seeming chaos and misery around us is nothing more than our Sovereign God working out the minute circumstances for the reality of Ef. 5:27.

Sept. 7<sup>th</sup> is the new "official" date for our national elections even though the pandemic is expected to peak around this time. After the massive fraud on the last years Oct. 20<sup>th</sup> elections there is a great uncertainty as the former Narco-dictator, Evo Morales still has a great following in the rural areas especially in the Andean part of the country. If his party is able to return or just control the majority in congress this would be the final "nail in the coffin" that would turn Bolivia into another failed state like Venezuela or Somalia! We greatly appreciate your prayers concerning these soon coming elections. That God's will be done in Bolivia and that the door for the gospel to be preached remains open. From a human perspective, the situation looks quite bleak, but from a divine perspective, we know who is in control of everything. It is time for us to "look up... for your redemption draweth nigh". Luke 21:28

Good news on the Brooks family front! We will soon be grandparents again for the fourth time! Our son Dan Jr. and his wife Rebeca are expecting their third child before year-end. Grandchildren are always a great joy for all the family. A tremendous blessing and responsibility are these little treasures God gives us! What a sobering responsibility them up in a Godly way that their lives might count for God's eternal purpose to build His Kingdom!

Please continue to pray for Amparito's health. We have her cornea transplant surgery scheduled for August 27, but with traveling and the pandemic still on the rise and the lack of insurance to cover this, we may have to postpone for a later date.

We truly cherish your prayers and sacrificial giving so that we might minister Christ to the many needy people of Bolivia. May our Lord continue to sustain and bless you during these times of uncertainty.

Yours for souls,

*Dan & Amparito Brooks*