

Dear Co-Laborers,

The current outbreak of Covid -19 has hit very close to home since the 1st of Jan. 2021. In Amparito's family an uncle passed on New Year's day, the next day a cousin passed and in the last week my brother-in-law Juan Cardona has been on a respirator, and his wife Gloria who is a doctor is now in the hospital also. Several more of her cousins either are in the hospital or were recently! The former pastor of Calvario Baptist Church, Arturo Pedraza who was living in the U.S. passed on Jan. 8<sup>th</sup>. Many doctors and friends have also recently passed! In Bolivia the economy that has been destroyed and with a government that does not care much about health. They are planning on bringing in the Russian Sputnik V vaccine and possibly the Chinese vaccine also!

We had transitioned back to meeting in the churches, maintaining distance, masks, alcohol for hands etc. But with this resurgence that is apparently much more contagious and lethal, we returned to virtual meetings again in mid-December. At this moment it looks like we are headed for a full-blown lockdown again! With Covid-19 also the political and economic storm all around us we can only look up! Luke 21:28 '....look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh'. Rev.22:20 '.....SURELY I COME QUICKLY. Amen. Even so, come. Lord Jesus'. This is the last promise and prayer in the Bible! We need to be spiritually awake and vigilant as we await our Lord's soon return!

The last Sunday we met regularly Dec.13, there were 4 baptized Alfredo Moya, Ana Victoria Lopez, Oscar Moya and Susana Mendez. This was in the Tierras Nuevas Baptist Church. The Mount Olives Baptist Church 100 km. east of Santa Cruz continues to meet normally at least 3 times a week. They just celebrated their 31<sup>st</sup> anniversary the 13<sup>th</sup> of December 2020. They have stayed free of Covid even though they are meeting normally. There are quite a few new families of believers that are meeting faithfully, also several who come regularly to the home meetings, but not yet to the meetings in the church building.

Iracema Vargas, a faithful young lady from Calvario Baptist Church lost her father several years ago. She gave me the privilege of walking her to the altar in her wedding to a Christian young man. Both are active serving in many aspect of church ministry.



Hopefully we can travel to the U.S. in the near future for Amparito's cornea transplants. Her vision is deteriorating quite fast. She can barely read large letters now and has difficulty doing many basic things. With her elderly mother and especially right now with Juan Cardona in the ICU her mother has become very difficult to take care of. Please pray for strength for Amparito during all these trials.

With all the negative news we are thrilled with some positive news! The latest addition to our family! Our 4<sup>th</sup> grandchild Chloe Victoria, was born December 15<sup>th</sup>.



A tiny beautiful and precious bundle of joy for our small family! Dan Jr. and Rebeca now have their hands full with our 3 little treasures.

Daniela's daughter Zoe Alexandra is now 5 although she looks more like 8-9 years old! What a great responsibility it is in this evil age to bring up our children so that they will love our Lord and give Him their lives from a young age!

Thank you once again for truly laboring with us! Being our lifeline for the lost and dying souls of Bolivia.

Your servants,

*Dan & Amparito Brooks*