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PO Box 586 Jefferson City, TN 37760 Greetings to you, our friends and partners. We hope this letter finds you enjoying the richest blessings of God. In this report we will focus on the work started in 2020, our recent involvement in helping fellow missionaries, as well updating and asking you to pray about a couple of continuing health concerns that we have been working on in conjunction with our health care providers.

As you may recall, in March of 2020 as the pandemic began in Bolivia and in the middle of very restrictive quarantines, we partnered with pastor Sergio Saravia and started a church in downtown area of Tarija, Bolivia. We continue working consistently with the church and are encouraged to see God moving among the people in the congregation. We have been involved with them while we have been in Bolivia and from afar. It has been a productive partnership and the church is now running 160 people in attendance. In addition to thriving and uplifting church services throughout the week; the church has developed other ministries and there is "something going on" in this work almost every day! We have had to relocate this work 3 times and will



probably be faced with moving again as it continues to grow. We are excited about what God is doing among his people in Tarija. Please pray for them. They need a permanent location and equipment to help them as they minister.



It's been said that training successors is an important part of the ministry. We are finding that to be a true statement. Further, it is enjoyable to mentor those who are following in ones footsteps as they serve the Lord. Recently one of the younger missionaries who serves with BIO reminded us that we were an encouragement to them as they were in the process of preparing to serve the Lord as missionaries when we visited their church. Another family reaches out to us on a regular basis for counsel and prayer as they serve. When these things happen it is an incredible encouragement for us and shows the importance of helping our missionary partners. Recently, we were part of the yearly training school at the offices of Baptist International Outreach. Our focus this year was the "Ministry of Grace". Missionaries, just like anyone else can get caught up in a routine. When this happens we may miss opportunities to truly minister to people as we focus on work. Jeff's particular focus was finding ways to minister as we travel on furlough and deputation. Often, the idea of raising support while on deputation becomes the sole priority for missionaries and the churches they visit. But, missionaries often have opportunities to be a blessing to pastors and churches as they travel. We explored many of those moments and encouraged our missionaries to ensure that their time on the road is truly a time in

their lives where God can use them to further the missionary endeavors of the churches they visit and in the long run the Gospel itself. It was a blessed time to thank God for putting us in His work and a reminder of the many ways we can glorify God as we serve the churches we spend time with.

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865-274-1645 gojcp@icloud.com As we wrote in our last letter, we are working with our doctors to address a couple of health-related issues. Sandra had to wait through the referral process to reach 4 specialists that could address her concerns. After the initial consultation earlier this year, we thought she needed 4 possible surgical procedures. At the end of June we learned she will only have to endure 2. Praise the Lord! The 1st will be in a couple of weeks, and the 2nd will be after she recovers. Jeff has met with the surgeon for his procedure after waiting several months for an appointment. He has a few more steps to take before being released for surgery but hopes to be done with the process in the near future. We plan to begin traveling shortly after we are released from the doctors and hope to work in several countries over the next year or so. Please pray for us as we work through these matters and work with our National and Missionary partners in the various places and aspects in which we serve. May the Lord richly bless you. We are grateful for you and we keep you in our prayers!

