

# the WHITE family

Missionaries to

**BOLIVIA**

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## Leaving the Nets:

This year we were finally able to have our youth camp again after several years of canceling because of Covid. Our theme for this year was, "Leaving your Nets". In Matthew 4:20, and other passages, we see Jesus calling His disciples and the instantly left their nets to follow Him. We encouraged every teen to leave whatever the "Net" is in their life that would hinder them from following Jesus. We had visiting with us Pastor Juan Pacheco from Peru and a group from his church. It was really a miracle that they were able to make it because of political problems in Peru which has resulted in blockades all the way to the Bolivian border. They had to walk for hours but thank the Lord they were able to make it and they were a great blessing. We have service in the morning followed by split classes for new believers, conflicts that young people face and leadership for more mature young people. In the afternoon we had game and pool time and then another service at night. We had close to seventy teenagers for the camp and closer to a hundred for the services at night with visitors. We praise the Lord for many decisions that were made and many "Nets" that were left behind. We also had quite a few older teenagers show interest in our Bible college so we pray that we will see many that follow through with their decision for the Lord.

## Graduation Time:

Here in Bolivia, the school year goes from February to December so this time of year is when most people graduate. Although we had a graduation from our Bible college this past July, we realized that we had three more people that were almost ready to graduate. They were able to finish their last requirements in December and this past month we were able to have the special celebration with them. Of the three, one was our first female to finish her studies. My wife has been giving classes for the ladies for some time now and we are now seeing fruit of her labor. Melania is actually Juan's wife that we mentioned in our last letter that is starting a church in Santa Cruz. This is exciting because now both of them have finished their Bible college and are starting their ministry. It was a blessing to see that many of the graduate's family members came to support them in this special achievement and we had a special meal afterwards. We now pray that the Lord will continue to raise up labors that we can help train and send out into the harvest.

## Are you Growing?:

It is interesting how we speak of salvation as being born again, or getting new life but often we don't see the growth that would be normal for a new born baby or that characterizes having life. Every Christian should be growing and changing on a continual basis. If we were to summarize the Christian life, and spiritual growth, we could say that it is basically learning the Word of God and applying the Word of God in our lives. This is why discipleship is so important and our continued growth in the things of the Lord. I am now beginning discipleship with two or three of the newer guys at our church and pray that they, like you, can begin to show the spiritual growth that should be normal in everyone of our lives.

## Prayer Requests:

1. Pray for the young people that made decisions at camp.
2. Pray for the six graduates from our Bible College that they will be useful to the Lord.
3. Pray for the young men that I am going to be discipling at our new church.
4. Pray for the church in Pacata as we help them buy land for the church.



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