

Missionaries to

**BOLIVIA** 

## October 2023

## **Things are Moving Quickly:**

Things are starting to move quickly with the land that we are trying to help our church in Pacata buy. We had a good friend that gave an offering of \$3,570 and one of our supporting churches gave \$3000. This is a great blessing and brings our total to \$74.320 of the \$100,000 that we need for the land. That only leaves us with a little less than \$26,000 to reach our goal. The church has also been diligently looking for the right place, and land, and now has a couple of options that they are close to making a decision on. As soon as a decision is made, we will only have a short period of time to come up with the remaining amount to pay for the land. Please pray for us, that we can see the last part of what is needed come in soon, so that we will be ready to purchase and not loose an opportunity that is available. If you would like to help us reach our goal, please mark it "Bolivia Land Fund" and send to: Vision Baptist Missions Inc, P.O. Box 647, Dawsonville GA 30534. Thank you again for your love and for praying for us and the ministry here.

**Putting Things in Order:** 

When I think back over the past seventeen years that we have been here in Bolivia, it is truly amazing to see all that the Lord has done; both in us and through us. We have seen so many lives changed with the gospel, and grow towards maturity in their Christian lives. We have also seen men whom the Lord has put a desire in to serve Him and are now pastoring churches; some for several years and others more recently. Understanding better now the process of preparing and placing men in the ministry, we for some time have been wanting to officially ordain these men and commend them to the Lord. As I mentioned in a previous letter, we met for several weeks to prepare these men and see that they were truly qualified and ready for this process. Then this past month we had a special service where we invited all of our churches to come together to encourage and pray for their pastors. We explained to them that this is the responsibility of the church to recognize and ordain men to the ministry and that from this point on they will be ordaining their own men for the ministry. At the end, we had each pastor come to the platform and a group from their church prayed over them. We are excited to see how the Lord continues use these men in their churches for His honor and glory.

## **Preparation in Counseling:**

One of the things that I learned very early on in our ministry was the importance of knowing the Word of God and how to use it to help others with their spiritual problems. When we first started I struggled to know where to find certain things in the Bible, but over the years I have been more prepared each time. This past month we were able to have Bro. Bill Hill and Rein Allweil, from ENW, visit with us and teach a week on Advanced Counseling to the pastors here. I believe it made a huge difference in helping them, better help their people to grow, and change in the Lord.

## **Prayer Requests:**

- 1. Pray for the remaining money that we lack to help the church in Pacata buy land.
- 2. Pray for the churches and pastors here as they lead their congregations.
- 3. Pray for the young men that the Lord has given us that are preparing to serve the Lord.
- 4. Pray for Bolivia and our government so that we can continue to do the ministry here.



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