

Missionaries to

BOLIVIA

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The Victory is Ours:

When we think about the word victory, it might be that many instead of feeling like they have victory, might feel like they live more in defeat. Instead of winning they might feel like the often loose. Well I am here to tell you that with the Lord you can have great victory. He gives us victory in our relationships, over sin, over those who appose us, and in every area of our lives. Yes we will always have struggles but we can also always trust the Lord to give us victory from those struggles or even victory in the middle of the struggle. Well today I want to share with you one of those victories that the Lord has given us in our lives and ministry. As you have followed our journey raising money to help one of our churches buy land, I'm sure you have seen that it has been a struggle and lots of pressure. Our deadline was the end of March and we had to have the money to make the final payment by then, yet we lacked a little over \$10,000 to meet the goal. We praise the Lord that with two offerings that came in, we were able to meet the goal and have all the money in hand to finalize the payment. We praise the Lord for this great victory that he has given and thank you for praying and giving. I would say that this is not only our victory but yours also because you have all played an important role in what the Lord has done. Also if you were still planning to give or wanted to give, the church still has a long ways to go to have a basic structure to begin to have services and anything given would be a huge blessing. So if you have felt like you have been defeated in your life, "Trust the Lord" and cling to Him and know that soon the victory will come.

Calling all Men:

There is a great problem that we see here in Bolivia, and that is that often Fathers are absent from the family and many children grow up without a Father figure in their lives. This can even be seen in the fact that Father's Day is not celebrated nearly as much as Mother's Day here. That is why this past month we had a special celebration for Father's Day with the men of our church. We had a special service on the Friday before with a cookout and games and we shared with them how to be the leaders that God wants them to be in their lives. We also had a special service on Sunday where we recognized them and taught on leadership characteristics from the life of Joseph. On Saturday we had a great group and several visitors that was able to hear the gospel.

Holy is the Lord:

Also this past month we had a special celebration here called Holy Week where the focus is on the crucifixion of Christ. The sad part is that not much emphasis is put on Sunday and the Resurrection. On the Friday before we had a movie night at the local community center where the focus was on the lives of twelve people who were impacted by the cross. We showed that its not only His death but the fact that He arose from the dead to give us victory over sin and death. We praise the Lord that we had several visitors that heard the gospel.

Praver Requests:

- 1. Pray as we begin the process with the paper work and transfer of the land in Pacata.
- 2. Pray for the church in Pacata and Pastor Jorge as they begin to build on the new property.
- 3. Pray for Pastor Pablo as they finish up their paper work for the church in Quillacollo.
- 4. Pray for the lawyer that is handling all the paper work for us, for wisdom and strength. (Henry Nogales).



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