

# the WHITE family

Missionaries to

**BOLIVIA**

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## **The Light Begins to Shine:**

The area where we helped our second church purchase land is an area of great darkness. They are steeped in religion and there is no light of the gospel shining there. This is the area where more than three hundred thousand people each year go to worship the Virgen of Urkupiña. Well that is beginning to change, because the church recently had a special work day, where they cut down the weeds, and afterwards had service under a makeshift awning. This was the first time that the gospel was preached at that location, but Lord willing it will not be the last. They are currently working to get their blueprints approved, so that they can start building as soon as possible. The first step will be to build a perimeter wall, that will mark the borders of the property. Then they will start with the structure that will be the main auditorium. At that time they will be able to have regular services, from that point on. That means that the light of the gospel will begin to shine, showing wayward sinners where they can find salvation and refuge. One of the most exciting things about this first meeting that they had was the amount of people who came to help. Even though it is a good distance from where the church was originally, most of the people are excited about having a place of their own and reaching the people there with the gospel. Would you pray for Pastor Pablo, his family and the people of the church, that they can get their basic structure done and begin to have services, shining a light in this dark area?

## **The True and Living God:**

The Bible tells us in the book of Ecclesiastes that there is no new thing under the sun. This can be seen clearly when it comes to the spiritual condition of our world and specifically in Bolivia where they have the mix of colonial Catholicism and Andean Animism (worshipping object principally in nature). I have been to a Catholic Church in Bolivia where they have the statue of the Virgen Mary that they worship in the front of the church and a cave in the back where they offer sacrifices to the Tío which is Uncle but basically, they are seeking to appease Satan. In recent events, this has been brought to life again as the new president of Bolivia, Luis Arce, prepared to take office. He participated in an ancient indigenous ceremony, at the site of what is thought to be one of the most sacred Inca ruins, called Tiwanaku. This just shows the pagan roots that run deep in Bolivia, all the way up to its leading officials. In the city of Cochabamba, where we work, every first Friday of the month, you can smell incense wherever you go, as people offer this sacrifice to the Mother Earth, hoping for blessings from her. Our desire is that the Bolivian people come to know the one true God that is the creator God, and that He wants to have a relationship with them. Would you please pray with us and for laborers that can go with us to reap the great harvest?

## **Prayer Requests:**

1. Pray for us as we continue to travel across the US sharing about the ministry in Bolivia.
2. Pray for the Bolivian people as they are continuing to face difficulties from the Virus.
3. Pray for the church in Quillacollo as they start to build.
4. Pray that the Lord will give a great harvest of souls as we go forth.



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