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Missionaries to

BOLIVIA

Church Renovation:

Since we arrived back in Bolivia one of the things that we have been doing is visiting the churches and encouraging and helping them to get things moving again, after being shut down so much because of Covid. In our first church we are having a Church Renovation, but maybe not in the sense that you might think. Although we have done a few things with the decorations, cleaning and a few repairs, I am speaking more of a spiritual renovation. I have been preaching every Sunday morning about the importance, purpose and focus of the church and for the next four Sundays I will be preaching on the commitment that every church member should be making when they become a member. The four main commitments are to be faithful in Attendance, Unity, Service and Giving in the church. At the end of this time of renovation we are going to allow each person to renew their commitment to the Lord and to the church. Already the attendance in the church has almost doubled and they are having close to sixty or even more that are coming on Sunday mornings. We are excited about what the Lord is going to do through this church in the future.

Church Expansion:

This past month, at the church in Pacata, they had several special activities through which the Lord has been blessing. September the 19th, the church celebrated Cochabamba day with special music, and a special meal afterwards which is my favorite meal called "Fideosuchu" spicy noodles. Then they celebrated on the next Saturday, with our youth, a holiday that we have here where they combine Friendship, Spring and several other things. They had four teams that had to decorate and prepare refreshments that related to one of the four seasons and then prepare music or a skit that went along with their season. They also had an Evangelistic campaign with a special guest speaker from Argentina and praise the Lord we saw several make professions of faith. As I have seen the Lord bless in these past few months, I have begun to realize that the church will soon need its own location to be able to continue growing. There is room for sixty to maybe seventy people if the church is completely full and they have been having close to sixty most Sunday mornings. Please pray with us as we begin to look at the possibility of helping the church get their own land.

Church Construction:

This past month I was also able to preach one Sunday at the church in Quillacollo for Pastor Pablo Rojas. They are currently meeting in a small rented room near where the church was previously, until we can begin the construction. We are now in the waiting phase until the city approves the plans and then we can get started. One of the things that I have had to learn since I started working here in Bolivia is patience, which is a good thing because I am not normally very patient. We are trusting the Lord though that everything should be approved soon and we can start building in the next few weeks or at least by next month.

Prayer Requests:

- 1. Pray for our government that is seeking to pass laws that could affect our churches.
- 2. Pray for the church in Quillacollo as they begin to build and have services.
- 3. Pray for our first church that many will renew their commitment to the Lord.
- 4. Pray that the Lord will continue to raise up laborers for the harvest here.



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