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Dear Praying Friends,

I believe that I can confidently say, without fear of contradiction, that this past year has been more than a little crazy (virus, politics, etc.). But, as we near this most precious time of Christmas, may we not be sidetracked and forget what it's really all about. Jesus Christ was born into a world full of chaos and darkness to bring the light of salvation to the world. It's His birthday. It's all about Him. And He wants us to share that message with the world. The baby born in the manger is God Almighty born to die for the sins of the world. Let us never forget the true meaning of Christmas.

Back at Home for Furlough

As of September 29, we are back in the States for our furlough. And we have gotten right down to it. Our first week back, we had our missions' conference at our home church, followed by a conference in Illinois, another meeting, and another conference (both in Ohio). We have called many other churches, especially our supporting churches, and have been setting up meetings to report on our ministry. It has been a bit complicated, because of the timing of our arrival. But that couldn't be helped. We know that God worked it out for us to be here at exactly this time, and we look forward to seeing all of you. Please contact us if you would like to set up a meeting. We will continue to contact you to set up meetings.

Ministering to the Church Remotely

In the meantime, even though we are in the States, we are still trying to minister to the church remotely. We use an app called WhatsApp (very popular in Bolivia) to send back voice recordings of Bible messages twice a week for the believers. And we periodically call them to keep in touch with them, and to make sure they know that they are not forgotten. We love them and do not want them to fall away during our absence. They do have the ability to visit with some of our coworkers for their meetings, if they wish. But many of them need a little more encouragement than others. And we want to keep our relationship with them strong, even in our physical absence.

Continuing to Pray for the Seeds That Have Been Planted

As is always the case, there are those who have heard the gospel, and the seed has been planted. The problem now is that we cannot physically be there to witness, invite, and water the seed. Please pray that God would protect the planted seed from being stolen by Satan, and that He would use the believers and fellow missionaries in the area to be able to reach out to them to water the seed. We enjoy being here and ministering to the stateside churches, but our hearts are still concerned for the souls who still need to know Him. Knowing that we are where God wants us to be right now, we trust Him to use others to reach them and look forward to our return to reach them.

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Preparing for Junior Camp

Another part of our preparation is for Junior Camp in January. If you remember from the last prayer letter, because of complications from the virus, that will be next January (2022). I have the privilege of being director this next year. And final physical preparations are usually made in October. But, of course, we will be keeping in touch with all the camp workers to make sure that they are getting ready (using the WhatsApp again). And that way, upon our return to the country, we will be able to finalize plans and be ready for the campers in January. We will be having an Olympic theme this year.

Political Situation

Since our last prayer letter, Bolivia had their presidential elections (again, because of the fraud the first time). And the socialists won the elections. Now that they are back in power, they want to consolidate that power, and punish their enemies (by jailing the former president for crimes that they say she committed while trying to quell the riots, blockades, etc. earlier.) There have been claims of fraud again, but not as strongly so far as last time. All this so far has not affected the churches, or how we minister to the people. Please pray that God would protect His church, keep the country open to the gospel, and protect His servants who are ministering to the people of Bolivia.

Coworkers Back in Bolivia

We keep in touch with our coworkers, and God has given peace and protection to them and to His church. Please pray that it will continue, as this government isn't a big fan of our country and has followed in the footsteps of other socialist countries such as Venezuela.

In Christ,

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