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Dear Praying Friends,

The Holy Spirit “will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment.” (Jn. 16:8) His weapon of choice is “the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation.” (Rom. 1:16) And we, His servants, are required to “be found faithful.” (I Cor. 4:2) When we try to do God’s work in our own strength, we can grow tired and frustrated. But as we let the Holy Spirit work through us, using the gifts and tools that He has put in place, He convinces people. May we allow His power to work through us to get His job done!

### **Bible Conference in Puerto Limon**

We praise the Lord for how He worked through the Bible conference! Tito Llanos did an excellent job of clearly and concisely presenting the gospel, and of teaching the believers on soul-winning and discipleship. Although he gave some ideas on methodology, his focus was on the Biblical foundations. Methods may change, but God’s Word never does! Our Nissan Terrano has seatbelts for five people, but one night there were 15 people, with 3 in the trunk. Great problem to have!

### **Reaching Others in the Community**

Among those that came was Rivaldo, a high school senior we have known for a while, through our weekly kids club. As a teenager, he has drifted away. But recently, tragedy struck as his grandfather (Lucho) passed away from complications from a ruptured appendix. Less than a week later, he attended the Bible Conference and heard a very clear gospel presentation. After returning home, he was obviously thinking about it. His younger brother, Jon Jairo, also came and heard. There is a battle with their Catholic family. Please pray that God would convict them, and that they would trust Christ as Savior. Please pray for Patti, Sabina’s (a church member) oldest daughter, who returned to Valle Abajo to work. She claims to be a Christian, but her life doesn’t show it. Please pray that God would show her the truth and bring her to Himself. Please pray for Pedro, our neighbor who struggles with drinking. He made a profession of faith, and attended for a while. But, whether from pressure from family/friends or falling back into sin, he hasn’t come for a while. Only God knows if he truly trusted Christ, but pray that God would work in his heart to bring him to Himself. Also pray for Marci, the lady that he lives with, that she would trust Christ as Savior.

### **Prayer Requests for Those Who Attend**

Lately we have had a pretty good group. Please pray for continued growth. Sabina and her family have been coming pretty faithfully. Please pray that God would heal their family, and that they would be faithful regardless of outside pressures. Please pray for Yoselin, the college student who lives in Valle Abajo. Her father has been pretty sick lately. Neither of them is saved. Please pray that God would allow us to reach them with the gospel. We want to have a Bible study

with Yoselin, and possibly her father. Please pray for Edilberto, the handyman who worked on the church and regularly attends services. He claims to be a Christian, but there are some inconsistencies. We have offered to have a Bible study with him, but he won't solidify a date yet. Please pray that God's Word will reveal his spiritual condition, and allow him to fix it. Pray also for a personal issue in his life, and that he would be able to bring his son to live with him. Camilo and Julieta are very faithful, but at 88 (almost 89) and 83 years old, they obviously struggle physically. Please pray that God would heal them physically, and that God would bring their teenage son Diego back to Himself. Please pray for Susana, as she cares for her sick husband (Marcos) in Santa Cruz, and her widowed mother and younger brother (Uber and Daniel) in Valle Abajo. Please pray that the doctors would know what is wrong with her husband, and that she would have wisdom in how to convince her mother to move with her to Santa Cruz to better care for her and her brother. Also pray for her recently married son (Marcos) to find a good job. Please pray for Anastacio for complete healing from hernia surgery, and that God would provide him with a good job. Pray that he would remain faithful now that he is healed, and not return to missing services, and that his adult daughter Daniela would remain faithful also.

#### **Church Members Moving Away**

Maria has been such a blessing to have here. She lives alone with Marisol, an older daughter that is more like a young child. Soon she will be moving to live with her family in Santa Cruz. This will also include her daughter Charo and Charo's husband Juan, who have also been attending. Juan worked on the new classroom/kitchen. We completely understand, but we will miss them greatly when they leave.

#### **Kids Club/Teen Meetings**

God has blessed in our outreach ministries, but there is opposition. The catechist has set up classes at the same time as our kids club, and different soccer tournaments, etc. have conflicted with some teen meetings. Please pray that God would break through these barriers, and that we would be able to reach the kids and teens with the gospel.

#### **Co-workers Returning Soon**

Please continue to pray for our co-workers, Bob and Terri Sturgeon, as they finish up their meetings, classes, and family visits. Please pray that God would bless them, and that Mike Miller and I would do a good job in covering for them until they return August 21<sup>st</sup>.

#### **Political Situation**

Please continue to pray that God would allow who He wants to win in the upcoming October elections here. What happens in Venezuela also affects us here in Bolivia, as the leadership is connected.

In Christ,

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