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Dear Praying Friends,

### **Encouraging Faithfulness**

We continue to work to build back the faithfulness of the believers. I am sure it is not just here in Bolivia, as I have heard from many stateside pastors who are struggling to get people back to in-person services. The problems are multiple: too tired, can do the same thing at home, more time to work and earn money, too busy with other things, embarrassed what others may think, angry or disheartened with God because of trials, etc. Please pray for wisdom and compassion to help them, and that the Holy Spirit will change their hearts to come back to Himself.

### **Continued Outreach to Open People**

We continue to minister to people, befriend them, speak with them, buy from their stores, visit as a family with delicious breads, etc. My son Daniel and I even played in a soccer tournament with them for several weeks on Friday and Saturday nights, with me refereeing some of the games. This shows the people that we love them, and opens up new relationships and opportunities to minister.

### **Ministering to Hurting People**

Many times, people who are hurting are more open to listen as they are looking for help. I will give four examples. First, there is the family of Doña Elisa, our former neighbor in the back. She was a sweet lady, who could also be a tough cookie. Every time I visited her, she loved to talk with me for a long time, and I would try to witness to her (as would a lady from our church who worked for her). She would listen, but not fully, trying to change the subject. In October, she moved to the city of Santa Cruz for health reasons. And this past month, she passed away. But praise the Lord that, before she passed, she trusted Christ as Savior. A saved family member led her to the Lord. The seed of the gospel took a long time to take root in her heart, but it did in time. We will see her in heaven one day. Don't get discouraged if people don't respond immediately. Some plant, some water, but God gives the increase. And His Word will never return back void. Please pray that I would be able to reach her unsaved family. Second, there is Yuli and her family. She has been through some tough times, with her husband leaving her and the kids for a much younger woman. She has been struggling to make ends meet, and we have been trying to help her. Her daughter is also in the same kindergarten with our daughter, Katherine, and they are great friends. We have visited her (with the bread, tracts, and John-Romans) and witnessed to her. And, she has come to some church services, where she heard the Word again. Please pray that she would understand and trust Christ as her Savior (as well as her kids, both young and adult). Third, there is the family of Yuniur and Rosemary. Yuniur runs a hardware store in the area, and we have become good friends, talking quite a bit, even riding bikes on long trips, etc. His wife, Rosemary, is a school teacher in the area. Just about a week ago, her sister, who lives in a country area closer to the city of Santa Cruz, was the victim of a hit and run. No one knew for one or two days as she lay there injured in the middle of nowhere. When she was finally found, there was massive brain damage, and she didn't survive. The family lives in our area, and they are obviously broken over it. Please pray for wisdom to show

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them God's love and the truth of having a relationship with Him, not the religion that they are hanging onto. They need His peace. Fourth, there is Juana and her family. We visited with her family with the bread, etc. She really listened well, and you could see that she was moved to possibly accept. But she said, "What if my husband doesn't accept?" The family also seems to be connected with some Jehovah's Witnesses. Please pray that she would accept Christ as her Savior very soon, before the devil has a chance to steal the seed from her heart, and that God would work in her family's hearts as well. Her children are great friends with mine, and her granddaughter is a good friend with Katherine in kindergarten. Pray that the whole family would be saved. There are many others with whom we are dealing, like Marcial, Eric, Rosa, Elena, Luz, Mirta, etc. Please pray.

#### **Possibility to Teach English**

As a result of playing in the soccer tournament, some have asked me to possibly teach English, either in a local school, or in a small group, and I am praying about it. I do not want to be a full-time teacher and take away from my other ministries, but I am willing to possibly do it if it furthers the ministry and relationships. Also, if I do it, I want to do it properly, and am open to suggestions as to how. We will see what the authorities decide concerning the school. Please pray for wisdom to know if I am to do it, and if so, how to properly do it.

#### **Bible Conference/Anniversary in Puerto Limon**

Our sister church, Rios de Agua Viva in Puerto Limon, is having a one-day Bible conference on Saturday the 11<sup>th</sup> for their anniversary. The theme is "The Church's Living Hope." Please pray that God would grow His church as people are saved and believers mature. Pray for special speaker Pastor Nelson Ortuño as he shares the Word.

#### **Buying the House/Fixing It Up/Paperwork**

After living in this house for ten years, we have finally been able to buy it. We are now in the process of doing all the paperwork like title transfer, transfer taxes, etc. Please pray that the paperwork will go smoothly, quickly, and not expensively. Also, pray for wisdom on how to fix up and remodel this 50+ year old house, using the already existing structure to save money.

In Christ,  
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