



September 8, 2020
Dear Praying Friends,

(1 Peter 5:7) “Casting all your care upon Him; for He careth for you.” (Matthew 6:34) “Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.” I believe that I can say without fear of contradiction that these past few months have seemed a little bit crazy. Plans have been made, then changed, then changed again. The temptation can be to worry or to complain. But, Biblically, we know that it does nobody any good. We have enough to deal with without adding to it by worrying. May we always remember that God is still in control. Instead of worrying or trying to fix it ourselves, may we cast all our cares on the Omniscient and Omnipotent One Who cares for us.

Junior Camp

Part of the change has been with Junior Camp this year. My family and I were supposed to return to the States back in June. But we felt that God was leading us to stay for Junior Camp in January, as I was the director for this year. But there were complications with the virus. A couple of my staff had loved ones die from it. Many people were not able to help this year due to their age and health. And the church who hosts it chose not to host it this year. (One of the deaths was in their church.) Because of all of this, we have decided to postpone camp until next year. This means that my family and I must travel back to the States very soon, so as to return in time to plan and direct next year’s camp. We will keep in contact with the staff and plan until we return most likely in October of next year.

Returning Home for Furlough

This means that we will be flying out of Bolivia to the States on September 28th. Because of the abruptness of this travel, we do not have our presentation yet. But we hope to be able to get it all ready as soon as possible. If someone would want to set up a meeting, we are more than willing to start scheduling now. It’s been kind of a whirlwind lately, but we are looking forward to seeing all of you again. It’s been a while. You can email us, and I have an app called WhatsApp (very common here in Bolivia) that works very well for keeping in contact. Let me know if you would like to use it. Please pray for us, as there is much to do in the short time before we leave.

Ministering to the Church/Reopening of Services

In the meantime, we are very grateful that the local government has now started to open up. This includes being able to hold in person services at 30% capacity. We had been trying to keep in contact with the believers by phone, visiting, etc. But there is nothing like joining together as a church body. “Forsake not the assembling of yourselves together.” Please pray that God will work in their hearts through the limited time that we have with them until we leave for furlough. (We

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are studying through the book of Job. Ironic.) We also are setting up ways to keep in contact and minister to them while we are in the States. One of our co-workers has offered to pick up those that want to attend with them. And we will have a WhatsApp group chat to share service with them while we are in the States. Basically, I will still have services with them, by video, while ministering in the States. Please pray that they will remain faithful to God and His Word.

Witnessing to/Reaching Hearts

These crazy times have also opened up people's hearts to listen. One of them is Marcial, who I mentioned in the previous prayer letter. (His wife Marci died of cancer recently. But she trusted Christ as her Savior shortly before she passed.) God has given me the opportunity to talk with him and give him the Gospel. He was kind and receptive. And although he hasn't trusted Christ yet, the seed has been planted. Please pray for other opportunities to water the seed, and that God would give the increase. This is just one of the many that we have tried to speak with. Please pray that God would open their hearts to listen and accept Jesus as their Savior.

Political Situation

Also, Bolivia's elections are coming up very soon. They were supposed to happen already, but it was postponed (first because of voter fraud and then because of the virus). It's supposed to happen October 18th. This is an especially important election this year, as they have just pushed out the former socialist president for voter fraud during the last election. Please pray for the right president to guide this country. And, of course, we are praying for our own elections this year in the States. And we will be voting as well. It has been said, "If you don't vote, then you have no right to complain about the results."

Teaching in the Bible Institute

Shortly before we leave for the States, I will be finishing up teaching a class on the book of Job at the Bible Institute in Vallegrande (about 2 hours away). It has been a blessing to me, and I hope a blessing to the students. I have one more week of teaching, and then the final test. It was postponed a couple months because of the virus and blockades. But we are coming to the end. Please pray that the students will study well and do well on their exam. But more importantly, that they would take the lessons learned and apply them to their lives. We look forward to hearing from you and seeing you soon. Keep praying.

In Christ,

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