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### **Prayer Requests:**

**Revival in our Deaf Church**

**Revival in Sucre**

**Salvation for Jhosimar and**

**Renato**

**Replacement glass for our**

**truck**

Some of the kids at the deaf school at  
the end of the school year.



# **Marie Family update**

**"The Lord will perfect that which concerneth me:  
thy mercy, O Lord, endureth forever: forsake not the works  
of thine own hands." Psalms 138:8**

We trust that you had a good Christmas this year and we pray that this new year will bring many blessings, personal victories, and spiritual growth so Christ our King can receive much glory! We had a really nice Christmas at home with our girls. Ilanna seemed to have a great time celebrating her first Christmas with a family. We feel so blessed and are so thankful for all that we have. Thank you for your part in our joyful Christmas. Your love, prayers, and support are why we are here.

Before Christmas our church was able to host our annual church Christmas party. We always enjoy this party because we always get deaf to come to the party who don't come to church. It is one of our ways to reach into the deaf community and hopefully be a light for the Gospel. This year we had 35 people, which is a good crowd for us. Over all, it turned out really nice.

Along with the joys of ministry, there have been trials as well. We want to share our hearts with you so you know how to pray better for our ministry and us. Back in the beginning of November someone tried to break into our church. They only succeeded in stealing our big lock by breaking the whole latch off, but they didn't make it into the building. We praise God for that. We were able to replace the latch and secure things up a bit more. Then 2 ½ weeks ago we left church and walked to lunch and by the time we returned someone had smashed out one of our truck windows and stole our Sunday school bags. Thankfully they missed the more valuable items in our glove compartment. Unfortunately we still have not been able to replace the glass yet and so have been without our truck for the last 2 ½ weeks. Our glass is on order from a bigger city.

We use our truck almost everyday, so we feel the loss. But on the brighter side, we have enjoyed the one-mile hikes to the end of our road to catch the taxis into town. Sucre has the nicest climate in the whole country! Please pray that it would come in soon though and that it would be the right type of glass and the right size. Our last glass problem we dealt with on our old truck a few years back took over half a year to resolve.

Please pray with us about our teaching opportunity at the deaf school. School let out for summer break in the end of November. It will start up again in February. We are sure that we will be invited back to teach, but please pray that we can get invited to teach every week and that we would have a sure time slot. This last year we were only allowed to come every other week and often times due to many Bolivian holidays, teacher opposition, and general disorganization on the part of the school we missed a lot of classes. But, we are hoping to have an exciting new year teaching at the local Catholic deaf school.

Please also pray for our ministry. We have had a lot of ups and downs this last year. Our church has not grown like we had hoped it would. In fact, it has really struggled. We do not currently have anyone that we could call faithful. Also we have not had any success in starting a hearing ministry yet despite our many invitations we have handed out and people that we have talked to. At this point we are trying to rethink our strategy and spend lots more time in prayer. Even though things have not gone as we have planned, we know God is accomplishing His purposes and we find comfort in that. "*So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.*" *Isaiah 55:11* We are looking forward to this new year and we are determined more than ever to see Sucre redeemed by a God who can! Please pray more earnestly for the people of Sucre and for our work here. Another important prayer request is that we could really use co-workers, whether they are Bolivian nationals or whether they are other missionaries. So please pray God would send the laborers. We have noticed there is no shortage of missionaries for the cults and other religions here in Sucre. We have a casual friend who goes to the Church of Christ and they always have missionaries, short-term and long-term, coming to help them out. Where are the born again believers that want to make a difference around the world and are willing to give up a year or two of their lives to help missionaries? Or even their whole lives? We might not find it easy all the time, but it is so rewarding being used of God in Bolivia. We feel privileged that God would choose to use us here. Maybe God wants one or some of you to serve Him here as well. Just a thought.

## PRAYING FOR OUR CHURCH MEMBERS

We've talked about different church members at different times and asked you to pray for them. Right now we want you to pray for our only two married couples in our church.

They are also our most faithful members. Cynthia has been a part of the deaf ministry since it began with another missionary over 14 years ago and has been a part of our church since we moved to Sucre 4 1/2 years ago. (Remember that 2 of those 4 1/2 years we were back in the states raising more support.) She got married to a deaf man named Jhosimar who is not saved as far as we can tell and now they have a 5 month old son. The other couple is Cynthia's brother Renato and his wife Magaly with their 5 year old son and 1 year old daughter. They moved to Sucre after we had already started Bible studies for the deaf here. We don't believe Renato is saved either. It is our prayer that these men would get saved and become the foundation of our church. They get the Gospel all the time from us, but what they need are unceasing prayers that God would open their blinded eyes to the truth. We are excited about what God can and will do with our deaf church and with all of Sucre!

For His Great Name's Sake,

Luke & Jessica Marie



Church Christmas Party Fun