

# Marie Family UPDATE

April / May / June 2019

## Prayer Requests

- GROWTH FOR JESSICA'S SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS
- OPPOSITION TO THE BIBLE TRANSLATION PROJECT
- ALISON AND CJ'S SALVATION
- PREPARATION FOR OUR SHORT FURLOUGH
- RODOLFO LEADING SORDOS PARA CRISTO ALONE IN OUR ABSENCE
- WISDOM TO BUY A CAMPER OR NOT
- RAISE MORE SUPPORT THIS FURLOUGH

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**"God is my strength and power: and he maketh my way perfect." 2 Samuel 22:33**

Dear Friends,

It has been a busy few months. We started off the month of April with a new Sunday school class for children, which my wife Jessica teaches. Our ministry has been growing little by little and we have had more and more children lately. We are excited about this new branch of our ministry. The largest group Jessica has had so far is 16 children! Please pray the deaf keep coming and keep bringing their children. Along with the blessings, April also brought a few trials. The Bible Society and I met with the big deaf association concerning the Bible translation project. As we assumed they came in full attack mode. The Bible Society had a lawyer present and after it was all over they concluded that the deaf association had no legal grounds for the demands to control the translation project. Since that meeting the deaf association has publicly come out and spread lies about the translation project and its team members, including myself, in an attempt to get people to reject this sign language Bible. That aside, the translation is going well. Another trial came when shortly before that, one of my team members, a young lady named Jimena, was

severely burned when her gas stove blew up while she was cooking. She did not come to work on the Bible translation for 2 months while she healed from her burns. This delayed our project because Jimena was the one to be videoed signing the Bible. But God is good and now Jimena is back to work and 98% healed and passionate about getting God's Word into sign language for her people!

During the month of May we celebrated Bolivian Mother's Day. We held a small activity after church for the moms. Our American deaf friend Alison helped plan the activity and helped make it extra special. Keep Alison and her husband CJ in your prayers for salvation. They still do not attend church, but they come to most of the activities.

June was an exciting month for us. Pastor Rodolfo was commissioned by his church to come join our ministry full-

time. My goal is to keep training him so that eventually he will take over our deaf church as the senior pastor. Right now his position is laboring as a co-pastor. Later in the month the people of the church surprised Pastor Rodolfo and me with a Pastor's Day celebration where a number of people brought us both gifts. In all the 11 1/2 years of serving in Bolivia, this is the first time anyone has done that for me. I was deeply touched! It is a privilege serving the people here.

For those of you who do not know, we are coming back for a short furlough here soon. We will be in the states July 30th - November 11th. We have been working on setting up meetings with our supporting churches that we did not get to see our last furlough 2 years ago. We have been able to touch base with most of those churches we did not see last time, but if you did not hear from us, then please

send us an email at [lukejessmarie@yahoo.com](mailto:lukejessmarie@yahoo.com). We are looking forward to seeing many of you again. Please keep our short furlough in your prayers. Pastor Rodolfo is filling in for me in my absence. Our schedule has us in a new state just about every week for the three months we are back, so lots of miles and lots of expenses on the road. Please pray that we will get a few new meetings since our support is a little low. We are also investigating whether or not we should purchase a small camper. This would eliminate the need for hotels and housing complications while on the road and give us our own private family space. If we buy a camper it would be stored for future furloughs. Pray that God will give us wisdom and provide for it if it is His will.

Thank you for all of your prayers and financial support. You are a continual source of blessing to us and our ministry.

For the Gospel's Sake,

*Luke & Jessica Marie*



Above: Celebrating Pastor's Day  
Right Top: A Day at Church  
Right Bottom: Jessica's Sunday School Class