

Marie Family update

July - August - September 2019

"Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variableness, neither shadow of turning." James 1:17

Dear Friends and Family,

Greetings from Connecticut! We hope this update finds all of you well. Our family is doing well. The last few months have flown by since our last update. The month of July was a flurry of activities preparing for our short furlough, which started the beginning of August. Amidst the craziness of putting our life on hold in Bolivia and preparing all the stateside details at the same time, we continued in our ministry responsibilities and God blessed in a tremendous way. A deaf lady named Yola, who started attending our services earlier this year, came forward in church and after being counseled by my wife Jessica and Pastor Rodolfo's wife Felipa, Yola put her faith in Christ as her personal Saviour! Pray that Yola will stay faithful to church and will grow spiritually.

In our absence Pastor Rodolfo has been preaching and leading the ministry. They recently held a special service for student's day in Bolivia and they celebrated the children in our church. From the photos they shared with us, it looked like they had a big turn out for this special service. My Bible Institute class is still meeting during our furlough as well. I am preparing my class each week wherever we are in our travels and I am prerecording (videoing) it and uploading it to the internet so my class can watch it each Saturday night. Almost everyone has continued faithfully attending, which is an encouragement to me.

My Bible translation team has struggled in my absence. In our last update we shared about different ways we felt Satan was attacking the translation project via outside attacks and some health problems. Well it seems that the current attacks are coming from within now. Honestly there is too much going on to explain it all, but to summarize, there has been gossip and lies spread from within and without the translation team and feelings have been hurt and the team is not unified right now. Let's just say that I have a whole lot of complicated issues to deal with when I return to Bolivia in November. Please pray that the team will forgive each other and work together unified and in the power of the Holy Spirit. We know that Satan would love to keep a whole country of deaf people in spiritual darkness.

Our furlough has been going very well. We have been safe and nobody in our family has been sick. We arrived in South Carolina the last day in July and a few days later we had

our first meeting. Less than a week later we hit the road with a very full schedule and have not been back to our home state yet. In the last 2 months we have traveled 7,029 miles, we have spent 187 hours in our vehicle on the road, we have purchased 406 gallons of gas, we have had a meeting almost every Sunday morning, Sunday night, and Wednesday night in 8 different states. We have also stayed in 19 different houses, hotels, and ministry apartments since we landed in the states 2 months ago. We are so thankful for the kindness and generosity that everyone has showed us along the way. We have been blessed to see God meet our needs over and over again.

We have about 5 weeks left of furlough and we still have many miles to travel. We will be in meetings almost right up to our departure for Bolivia, so we would greatly appreciate your prayers. Please continue to pray for safety, good health, and most of all that our hearts and our furlough ministry would glorify God.

Bolivia is having their presidential elections in 3 weeks. The country is already experiencing protests and strikes against the current socialist president who is seeking an unprecedented 4th term. Pray for Bolivia during this time of unrest and pray that things will be calm by the time we return in November. We are ever grateful for all of your support and prayers.

Prayer Requests:

Safety and Health on Furlough

Pastor Rodolfo and our ministry in our absence

Translation Team Forgiveness and Unity

Bolivia's Presidential Elections end of October

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