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Serving the Lord in Cochabamba, Bolivia



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Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

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We thank God for the ministry that He has given to you all. It is a great help to have a spiritual family that partners with us in prayer and also looks out for us and our material needs. We are very content to have the great privilege of working in the local church. There are always trials and very hard difficulties in the ministry, but our God's powerful hand is ever in our midst. I'd like to share with you a personal trial that I have been going through concerning my health. In April, I suffered a heart attack. I received treatment from doctors, but they had to put a pacemaker in. By God's grace, my heart slowly normalized afterwards. However, just recently, I began to feel some discomfort again. I ask that you please pray for me and my health, that God continues to mold my family and me through the trials. In way of my family, God has been faithful in protecting all of us in this pandemic. The third wave hit Cochabamba very hard. We were very busy loaning oxygen equipment to many believers who used it for their sick family members who have since stabilized. It was a great blessing to have this equipment. God cared for each one of the believers in the church who, in spite of being infected, only faced minor symptoms.

CHURCH SERVICES

To God be the glory, last month we resumed in-person meetings again but with all of the biosecurity measures in place. What a joy to partake of the Lord's Supper together again after so many months apart. It is a great blessing and source of happiness to many of the believers. One Sunday last month, we rejoiced in the attendance of a sister who had been bedridden for two years and went through the impossible to be able to attend church that day. I ask that you pray for her. Her name is Alvina Rojas, and she is very weak. She is 88 years old but still a great force for the Lord.



While resuming in-person services, we simultaneously transmit our meetings through Zoom and the radio (wanting the elderly believers especially to still have access). However, it is evident that many young people prefer the comfort of their own homes because they only enter our meetings through Zoom. We are praying for the Lord to change the hearts of many young people, some of whom have turned away from the Lord. It is a shame to see the frailty that this pandemic has left behind in the hearts of believers. We pray that things normalize eventually. We, however, are more encouraged than ever to proclaim the gospel.



WOMEN'S MEETINGS

The women's meetings continue to be of great blessing to the sisters who are digging deeper and deeper into God's Word. These meetings are still transmitted through Zoom. These sisters, despite their busyness, are faithful in the ministry and to the Lord. They are praying to be able to meet in-person soon. The sisters in this ministry have remained united and grown stronger in the Lord despite the trials and adversities they have faced.

MARRIAGE MINISTRY

For God's glory, the couples who attend the marriage meetings are firm in their faith, and their marriages are examples to those outside of the faith. Sadly, others who don't make time for our meetings are facing difficulties. The themes we are working through include strengthening our communion with the Lord and the importance of putting God first.

MEN'S MEETINGS

We are very happy to be able to begin meeting with the men of the church. They are very busy and don't have much time, but a few brothers are entering these meetings. We want to be steadfast and unmoveable in the work of the Lord. So, we are beginning by teaching them the responsibility that God has given us as men in both the spiritual and material areas of life.



OMEREQUE PROJECT

At this time, we are beginning to make progress with the church's Omereque project and the orphanage for the street children. The rate of abandonment in our city has grown exponentially due to the pandemic and the economic crisis. It's a shame, and it breaks our hearts. For that reason, we see the need to start an orphanage which would include a school and a medical clinic. The architects are developing the plans for construction. We ask for your prayers for this project that God has started. May He see it through to completion!

ANOCARAIRE MINISTRY

In the church in Anocaraire, we had many believers contract COVID-19; but, by God's grace, they are recovering. One sister departed to the presence of the Lord. A different brother was so ill that only the Lord was capable of healing him. Now, he is in the stage of recovery. Our missionary was also very sick but is better now. The church in Anocaraire started their in-person meetings, and 80% returned to attend. We are very happy about that as well as encouraged to continue with even greater effort.

MISSIONS

Our missionary in Beni (northeastern department of Bolivia) is developing an evangelistic and discipleship program with the Chimanes, Yuracares, and Trinidadian tribes that live in that zone. She is traveling into the interior of the jungle often to share about God's love there. She enters with medical teams who care for these tribes, since they don't have doctors in their communities. Together, they arrive with the Good News. It is a very sacrificial job. We are saddened by the news that her co-worker, Judy Mendes, entered the Lord's presence after a fleet accident in which teachers were being transported to help the children's school in these communities. It has been a very difficult time for everyone. Our missionary, Silvia, did not travel with that fleet for personal reasons. We can now see that God has special plans for her!

PRAYER REQUESTS - please pray for the following:

1. Strength from the Lord to continue faithfully serving in the ministry that God has entrusted to us
2. The reopening of the church, that God works in the hearts of believers and revives our young people
3. The complete recovery of my health
4. The orphanage project in Omereque
5. My son's entrepreneurship - he opened a soccer school for boys, desiring to preach the gospel to them through it

Sincerely,
José Antonio Jordán

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