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“He came unto His own, and those who were His own did not receive Him. But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His Name, who were born not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.”
John 1:11-13 (NASB)

Dear Friends in Christ,

We continue to give thanks to the Lord who came and who gave. We praise Him for coming to give the right to become His children to those who are born of God only through believing in His name. We are amazed at God’s love, grace, mercy, and power unto the saving of our souls through Christ Jesus alone. Hallelujah, what a Savior!

We wish you all a very Merry Christmas, and we are so thankful that you continue to pray for us and for the work here in Bolivia. Our desire is to see more and more people truly converted by God and made new creations in Christ, built up in the one true faith once delivered to the saints. We praise God that little by little we are seeing this happen, as He adds to His Church “those who are being saved.”

The new church plant here in Cochabamba is being greatly blessed by the Lord as more new people are coming each Sunday to the worship services, and others are staying consistent in their attendance and hunger for the Word. This is a huge praise! One lady to whom we have witnessed to for over two years came the other Sunday by herself. Last Sunday she came back and brought her two children who just loved the Sunday school we have for kids—and they want to come back. That is just greatly encouraging, and we thank the Lord so much. The Bible study there on Wednesday nights is also well-attended, and we are very thankful for those who come with a desire to know Christ better.

The Bible study on Sunday nights in Bella Vista is a challenge, as there are mostly children coming, and their attention span is not long. They love to sing, but it is hard for them to stay quiet and focused during the teaching of the Word. That is also due to the great amount of noise coming from the street where it seems that of late there is always a wedding going on in a big salon next door, and the drums and music just drown out everything else. It is really

hard to be heard and to concentrate. We hope that the number of weddings will greatly diminish after the month of December so that we can do a better job of instructing these little ones in the things of God.

The Bible study in Larat'i is doing pretty good. Many are being very faithful in their attendance, and their desire for the teaching from God's Word is evident. Last night, Rene and I were there to start the Bible study, and we found out that a woman in the village had died that afternoon, and most of the people were there to express their sympathies and to mourn with them. So, we went over to that house to offer our condolences also. We had the opportunity there to read a portion of God's Word from John 14 and to explain to them the importance of knowing Christ before you die so that they too will have hope and assurance that they will go to be with Jesus when their life on earth is over. We were then invited to go to an Assembly of God meeting, and they asked Rene and me to preach. We both shared the Word from Matthew 2 on the wise men following the star to Bethlehem to worship the Christ. We then went back to our place of meeting, and to our surprise there were about 25 people gathered at 9:30 p.m. for the Bible study. They had come back and were waiting for us to return so that they could sing and hear the Word of God. Now that is just incredible, and incredibly encouraging!

We hope that you too will be encouraged by what the Lord is doing in the lives of many, and we thank you so much for your partnership in the gospel. We very much appreciate your prayers, your faithful and generous support, your many acts of kindness toward us, and your friendship in Christ. **Merry Christmas!**

Your friends in Christ,
Earl, Rosie, and Carla



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