



Bolivia

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ADAMS' APRIL 2009 UPDATE

“You know of Jesus of Nazareth, how God anointed Him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and how He went about doing good, and healing all who were oppressed by the devil; for God was with Him. And we are witnesses of all the things He did both in the land of the Jews and in Jerusalem. And they also put Him to death by hanging Him on a cross. God raised Him up on the third day, and granted that He should become visible, not to all the people, but to witnesses who were chosen beforehand by God, that is, to us, who ate and drank with Him after He arose from the dead. And He ordered us to preach to the people, and solemnly to testify that this is the One who has been appointed by God as Judge of the living and the dead. Of Him all the prophets bear witness that through His name everyone who believes in Him receives forgiveness of sin.”

Acts 10:38-43 NASB

Dear Friends in Christ,

It is indeed more than wonderful to have the absolute certainty that God has raised His Son Jesus Christ from the dead, for He made bodily appearances to totally trustworthy eyewitnesses on many occasions after His resurrection. Everything the Bible says about Jesus is undeniable and unmistakably true. You can bet your life on it! And we do!! It is no gamble. It is God's gospel!! That is why we preach and teach the totally dependable truth. It is the truth of God! Hallelujah! Jesus is Risen, and there is life in His Name!

We celebrated Christ's resurrection at the Presbyterian Church in Cochabamba with a special service dedicated entirely to the honor of Jesus and His powerful resurrection. A fellowship meal was held in His honor afterwards and there were two cakes that proclaimed, "Jesus has Risen. Hallelujah!" There was very good attendance, and we praise the Lord for it.

One of the ladies in the church, Sandra, who is the wife of Luis and is one of our children's Sunday school teachers, led a Saturday Kids' Program the last Saturday in March that was a real blessing. She and Luis put it all together and did puppets, played games, invited new kids, shared the gospel, etc. They are now going to do that regularly on the last Saturday of each month. It is really nice to see someone take the initiative to do things like this on their own. Sandra is gifted with children and she just loves to work with them. She is a blessing.



Saturday Kids' Program

There was another seminar held at the church in conjunction with the Cochabamba International Church. This one was on "Parenting." It was well done and well-attended by people from both churches.

Boris, Rene, and Earl attended a Presbytery meeting in Puerto Suarez at the end of March. The Presbytery normally meets only once a year except when there is a need to call an extraordinary session. There will be an extraordinary session held in Santa Cruz on July 4. Please keep these men in your prayers. It is a very small Presbytery with only a few pastors and even fewer elders. There is no money in the churches, and there is a great need for godly men committed to serving the Lord in these roles.

The Presbytery has asked Rene and his family to move to Santa Cruz to pastor one of the churches there that has been without a pastor for several years. He will be moving there around the end of May. Earl will be losing a valuable co-laborer and friend in the Lord's work here in Cochabamba. Pray for Rene, Marisol, and their two kids, Valeria and Mariane in this transition. They are a fine family.

We want you to know how much we appreciate you and your prayers and support and your partnership in the gospel. There are so many decisions that have to be made on a daily basis, and the need for God's wisdom is immense. We are just asking the Lord to do something to make His Name great here by using even simple people like us. If you really believe that nothing is too hard for the Lord, and we do, then pray for Him to do it. We surely can't do anything on our own.

There is a team of medical doctors and nurses planning to come here in July, and we really do covet your prayers for them. Please pray that the ministries they will be involved in while here would go well and be pleasing in God's eyes.

We are now in the process of seeking to obtain our permanent resident visas for Bolivia. This will take several months, but we are very hopeful that they will be approved. Please make this another matter of prayer to the Father.

Earl, Rosie, and Carla hope to be able to come home in June 2010, Lord willing, for their year of Home Ministry Assignment, but the big question is whether the church plant here will be able to survive while they are gone. The Lord will have to do a LOT between now and then to get this church ready for that challenge. Please pray for Him to do it! It is His church, His people, and His work.



The Adams family with Cochabamba in the background

Thank you again for your emails, phone calls, letters, and friendship in Christ Jesus. You are very much loved and appreciated.

Your friends in Christ Jesus,

Earl, Rosie, and Carla

P.S. It is amazing how many things in our lives seem to hang by just a thread, but we know Who holds the plumb line.

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