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Dear Prayer Partners and Family: Greetings from Bolivia

The elections in Bolivia, the chaos, and violence that followed is past. A new period is dawning in Bolivia as the interim president who is a professing Christian has been busy bringing peace to the country and has appeared to have won the hearts of many, except the hardcore socialists. New elections are being scheduled for some time in May. Only the Lord knows how they will turn out. We are very thankful for the progress in freedom and peace that this interim presidency has brought to Bolivia, though what she has brought pales in comparison to what the Prince of Peace brought to this World some 2000 years ago.

Christmas is now behind us, and we had a wonderful time celebrating it. On the 20th and 21st our missionary friends, who have an established a church in the city, invited us for the second time to be part of their Pueblo de Belen (Little Town of Bethlehem) It was a great time, our booth was the Potters House and we presented a teaching based on Jeremiah 18:5 with clay on a potter's wheel. Our group this year consisted of 15 helpers. The Gospel was clearly presented to over 400 visitors who came through the little town those 2 evenings. On Christmas Eve we then held a Candle light service.

On January 6<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> we will be sending 5 youth to camp, so please pray for the Lord to work in their hearts. Another prayer request is for our people. For some reason it appears there is a lack of energy in the brothers and sisters. It concerns me. We have had to cancel Wed. night meetings as nobody was coming for weeks in a row. We did not pull back in our ministry efforts but doubled down on visitation and personal Bible studies with several families.

We have come into possession of several thousand John and Romans in Spanish and we want to set a goal in 2020 of getting one of these along with an invitation to the church in each home here in San Lorenzo. And of course, when there is opportunity to share the Gospel we want to take it. We shared this burden with Alvaro and Rocio last night and they said they we were burdened for doing something also. Praise the Lord!

The medical need of Brother Armando will be done, but the doctors now say it is not as urgent. I want to thank all who have given, you have been a blessing to Armando and his family. Every donation is held in a separate account and will be used for this procedure when it occurs in the coming months.

Now comes the hardest part of the letter. My mother and father are in a care center together. Hospice was called in for my mother's increasing respiratory failure. Her passing could be days or weeks we are told. My dad who has Alzheimer's was being partially taken care by my mother, but she can no longer physically do it. The fact is, my dad's constant questions and the packing of his bags to go back to his parents farm in 1949 is too much for my mother to handle at this critical stage. Arrangements are being made to move my dad to a separate Alzheimer's care unit. After 60 years of marriage this is going to be a hard one for them. My sisters have been great as they live nearby and help a lot. For me I am, well let's just say troubled, by the desire to be there to help in any way I can. Problem is, short notice flights are \$2000 rt. If the Lord provides I will plan to be there asap. I will be content with whatever He decides.

**Prayer Requests:** Please pray for youth camp; for the situation of my Mom and Dad; For strength for my sisters; for the believers here to be revived in their love for the things of God. **Praises:** God's goodness and mercy, peace in Bolivia

**For His Glory, Matt. 5:16**  
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