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Dear Prayer Partners and Family: Greetings from Bolivia

Spring is open you and Fall is upon us, which means the rainy season here is coming to an end. Bolivia has been hit real hard this year with severe flooding. Just before that was severe draught. I cannot help but think that this has been a reprimand at the hands of the Almighty. In our last prayer letter, I wrote of the Bolivians presidents attack on Evangelicals and outlawing the sharing one's faith. Well the results of all that protesting by the general public made the government decide to drop the new laws for now, as the new laws not only affected us Christians but several other sectors of society. Then there is still the situation that the president here does not want to respect the constitution and he is planning on being president indefinitely, as his new Bolivian Supreme Court said it was racism to impose term limits. Since then an international court decided in favor of the opposition, stating it is not racism to restrict term limits, therefore we are waiting for the next round of protests and blockades. On another front, Bolivia is trying to regain coastal land on the Pacific Ocean that they lost in a war against Chile in the 1890's. The Bolivian govt. has taken the petition to international court and last week created the world's longest flag, 124 miles long, in a show of support for the landlocked country's bid to regain sovereign access to the sea. This was accompanied by a sacrifice to Mother Earth. This is why I say our Almighty God is dealing with Bolivia in His way and in His time.

Concerning the van, we have it in possession and are using it regularly. This week is an Independent Fundamental Baptist conference in Tarija and we have been using it to transport the brethren to the conference. Thank you to all who have prayed about this need and who donated.

Now for the really good news, Alvaro and Rocío tied the knot in Holy Matrimony on Saturday the 17th of March. It was a beautiful wedding and they make a beautiful couple who wants to serve the Lord. Alvaro's Catholic family was dead set against this marriage and threatened him with the loss of his inheritance and put every obstacle they could to keep this young man from a rich family from marrying this young lady from a very poor family. But Alvaro definitely chose the better option. Alvaro and Rocío have what it takes for a marriage to be successful, A Love for God and a Love for each other.

This year we have encountered some stiff opposition from the Catholic Church, they went from door to door in San Lorenzo, reminding the people that they were part of a Catholic Community and they should have nothing to do with us, as we were of the devil. We also noticed a severe drop in attendance to our kids club on Saturdays at 3pm- 5:30 pm. 3pm- 5:30pm was ideal for us as the kids of the community had their required Catholic Catechism at 9:30am on Saturday. We found out the Catholic Church changed their hours of the Catechism to 3pm- 5:30pm. So we changed our kids Club to 9:30 am and the attendance is starting to pick up again. The Word God, will prevail !

Please do not send anything to us in Bolivia snail mail, the Bolivian Govt. has closed all post offices as of March 1 until they can set up a new system. That means, us and thousands of others have mail locked behind closed doors that we cannot retrieve, for me this is many of my Tax documents.

Prayer Requests: Please pray for Robert as he ministers to the youth; for Sandro, his children and their mother Maria Elena (she has returned to her family and shows an interest in the things of God); the Kids Club; Sheila's health (Respiratory Infection), our mail situation.

Praises: The return of Maria Elena; The marriage of Alvaro and Rocío

For His Glory, Matt. 5:16

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