



August 22, 2017

Dear Prayer Partners and Family: Hello from Washington, USA. The biggest news I have to offer you today, is that our first grand baby was born on August 14, 2017. Her name is Ravenna Marie and she was 9 lbs 14 oz. There were some complications with the delivery so Mom was released on Friday the 18<sup>th</sup> and baby was released on Sunday the 20<sup>th</sup>. All is well now and she has to be the cutest baby in the whole world. Of course, I am partial! We are so proud of Jenn and Brandon as we know they will be great parents.

Our furlough recently has taken us from Montana to Washington State via Hyder, Alaska. We have had some really great meetings at each church along the way. Currently we are at our son and daughter in-law's house enjoying this new addition to the family while visiting our supporting churches in Washington. At the end of August, we will head East again and then south to Texas.

The ministry in San Lorenzo is going well, Santos and Elizabeth are doing well and we give all the Praise to the Lord. The two most exciting things I have to share about the ministry are: at one point Pastor Santos had to travel while there was a scheduled Kids Club and there was concern if the Club was going to take place, but the brethren said it would continue in his absence! Amen!!! They came together and pulled it off. The second exciting thing to happen was that I was sent a video of several young people playing a special together in the church on their guitars. I believe 6 of them are continuing on in their lessons with Santos. That is exciting for me to see their growth and desire to do something for the Lord!

Concerning the situation with Brother Sandro's family, I received news last night that Maria Elena has left him and their 2 children and has gone to Buenos Aires. We are concerned not only for her spiritual life but for her physical life as well. After research, we have found that 33% of human trafficking victims in South America are lured out of Bolivia and enter this main hub. Many young women are groomed for months in the promise of a job and riches or love. This mother wanted to take their young daughter and son but thankfully their father said "NO".

Please continue to pray about helping us get another vehicle for the ministry in Bolivia. Brother Santos wrote me last week reporting that the truck would not run. After much checking, it was found to be a short in the electrical system and it needed a new battery. In the last year, it has been in the shop for several shorts, has gone through 2 batteries, and 2 starters.

**Prayer Requests:** Please pray for Santos and Elizabeth as they minister in our place; for our remaining meetings; transportation for the ministry in Bolivia; for Sandro, his children and their mother Maria Elena; Salvation for David; continued travel mercies; for the health of our parents. **Praises:** For God's precious Gift of our grand-daughter and for your prayers and support.

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*For His Glory, Matt. 5:16*

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