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Dear Prayer Partners and Family: Hello from Montana, USA. The trip so far has been very good and long, and we are only at our half waypoint. We have already traveled 8000 miles in this rental vehicle. We have gotten to spend some quality time with family in the Midwest and in Florida during the month of June and the first half of July. We have had three terrific meetings during this time. Now we find ourselves on our way to Kalispell Mt. where we will be busy for the next week, as I am the main speaker for Jr. Camp. We are looking forward to a terrific and profitable time at Camp on the shores of Lake Blaine. Then after Camp we have a meeting every Sunday until we board the plane for Bolivia on October 24, 2017.

Let me take a moment to fill you in on some things about our trip. Furloughs for missionaries are not vacations, at least not for us. It is busy and an emotional rollercoaster full of hellos and goodbyes. Sure we get to see God's beautiful Creation and have fellowship with some pretty awesome people. But the long miles take their toll on our backs, we get less exercise, even though we try to eat less we gain weight. It is harder to maintain a routine for Bible reading, praying, and studying. Then there is the concern we have for our parents who are in their late 70's and early 80's and their health is not well. So please pray for us to more disciplined in our daily routine and pray for our parents.

The ministry in San Lorenzo is in good hands and is doing well. Pastor Santos and Elizabeth are full of energy and are really involved in the ministry. While we have been gone they have celebrated Bolivia Mothers Day, continued with the regular church meetings and Kids Club. They have also had a VBS for the children and we are told several children were saved. Pastor Santos is also teaching a guitar class and he has, I believe, 5 or 6 students. Pastor Santos also got his drivers license, which was a one month challenge for him, because of the Bolivian system. All in all they are doing well and we give all the Praise to the Lord. Who knows maybe they are the co-workers we have been praying for? May the Lord's will be done.

Concerning the situation with Brother Sandro's family, the situation with his wife is getting worse. Her heart is not for God, it is not with Sandro, it is elsewhere seeking the pleasures of the flesh. Also keep in prayer David, the son Aldo and Daysi, as their son has fallen into the wrong crowd and has become very rebellious.

Also please pray about helping us get another vehicle for the ministry in Bolivia. Our current transportation is 19 years old and has had 2 complete engine rebuilds. I do not believe it can continue being our primary mode of transportation and be reliable. We really need a 12-15 passenger van, in-order that we can safely transport the brethren to special conferences and events and to transport to church some families from other communities.

Prayer Requests: Please pray for Santos and Elizabeth as they minister in our place ; for a good week at camp; for a van for transportation; for Sandro and his children and that God would work in the heart of Mari Elena, the Salvation for David; for our travels, for the health of our parents. **Praises:** For God's grace and for your prayers and support.

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For His Glory, Matt. 5:16

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