



September 7, 2017

Dear Praying Friends,

**Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.** (Matt. 11:28-30) Ministry can be tiring. And, if done in the arm of the flesh, it is utterly impossible. But Christ shows us that true rest doesn't come from a cessation of work, but rather from getting in the yoke with the All-powerful God. So as we serve God together, "let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not." (Gal. 6:9)

### Ministering in the Local School

It has truly been a blessing to be able to teach in the local school. Though there still is some opposition, people are much more open now. I am still teaching English once a month to both the Elementary and the Jr. High/High School. And I have also been able to teach all the elementary and the 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> graders a Bible based lesson about "respecting others." I try to spend as much time as possible with the kids, even sticking around when I don't have class, playing soccer with them, talking with them, etc. This has helped to build many strong relationships with some kids that would never have known me otherwise. Some of them who used to call me "Hermano" ("brother" in Spanish) because of my work here with the church, have started calling me "Profe" (short for "professor" in Spanish). Some kids stop to talk to me outside of class, some have started to visit my house, and I have even been able to visit one family several times. Please pray that God would continue to develop these relationships, so that I can lead them to the most important relationship, the one with Jesus Christ.

### Ministering to Teens/Kids

These newfound relationships have caused some of these kids to attend our rotating, bi-weekly teen meeting every other Saturday. Several of them have come because their friends have invited them. This is encouraging for two reasons. First, it means that more kids are coming to hear the Bible and gain good, Christian friends. Second, it means that the teenagers themselves are reaching out to their friends. Periodically, some of these kids even show up for regular weekly services. Recently, we have had a couple of new churches join our little group. Please pray that God would use these services to build relationships with them and reach them with the gospel.

### Discipleship

A very important part of the Great Commission is discipleship. Just as you would never leave your infant child at the hospital, we cannot leave baby Christians without nourishment for spiritual growth. Anastacio has known Christ for many years, but is not very grounded

**Joshua & Jennifer Morris  
Rachel, Audrey, Daniel &  
Katherine**

**FIELD ADDRESS:**

Casilla 7010  
Santa Cruz, Bolivia  
America del Sur

email: [jsmorris79@yahoo.com](mailto:jsmorris79@yahoo.com)  
web: [howshallboliviahear.com](http://howshallboliviahear.com)

**SENDING CHURCH:**

Troy Baptist Temple  
691 E. Staunton Rd.  
Troy, OH 45373

Ph: 937.339.3207  
web: [troybaptist.org](http://troybaptist.org)



**MISSION AGENCY:**

Baptist Pioneer Mission  
P.O. Box 5114  
Kincheloe, MI 49788

Ph: 906.495.5203  
Fax: 906.495.2965  
web: [bpmission.org](http://bpmission.org)

in the basics of the Christian walk. And Mikaela and Camila are the young girls who recently trusted Christ as their Savior in our Bible conference in Puerto Limon. Please pray that I would have wisdom knowing how to teach them and help them with their individual and unique problems. And please pray that they would remain faithful and excited to complete the lessons, so that they can grow spiritually.

#### **Las Olimpiadas/Hora Feliz**

Saturday, September 23, we will be holding our “Olimpiadas” (“Olympics”). This is our end of the year get together for many of the kids’ clubs (“Hora Feliz”) from the surrounding area churches. We will be having many outdoor games and a Bible quiz. More points will be awarded for the Bible part, because that is obviously the most important. Please pray that many kids will show up, that they will learn much from God’s Word, and that God would open more doors to reach these children and their parents with the gospel.

#### **Anniversary/Bible Conference in Hierba Buena**

Coming up during “Todos Santos” (right around Halloween), the church in Hierba Buena will be holding their Anniversary/Bible Conference on November 2-4. This year’s theme will be “Revival” during the day (with additional lessons on church growth and tithing), and “Evangelism” during the evening. The speaker will be Pastor Adalid Pardo. Please pray that God would prepare the hearts of the people so that many would come to the services instead of the worldly parties that happen around this time. And please pray that God’s people would indeed see a revival in their own lives, and that the unsaved would come to Christ as their personal Savior.

#### **Family Decisions**

Much has changed in the past three months concerning our housing situation. The family whom we are renting from has changed their mind, and now they want to sell us the house. We had looked into buying another property. But once we started looking into the cost, we found out that we wouldn’t have enough to build for a long while. And we wanted to be good stewards of what God has given us, not starting to build something that we could not finish (Luke 14:28-29). So we are looking into a rent-to-own situation with the house we live in. That way, we do not need to pay rent in one place while building in another. We can buy the house and fix it up as we get the funds. There are complications with getting the paperwork legalized. And we need to agree on a down payment and monthly payment plan. Please pray for wisdom concerning how to pursue it, that God would expedite the paperwork process, and that He would provide the funds we need in the precise time that we need it. His timing is always perfect. And He always provides the things that we truly need. (Ps. 23:1; Phil. 4:19)

In Christ,

Joshua, Jennifer, Rachel, Audrey, Daniel, and Katherine Morris