

Dear family and friends,

As we look back over the months that we have been working with the Bolivian leaders at Carlos Laborde we are reminded of the many blessing that we have experienced along the way. It was just last April that we first started helping at the church plant. It has been challenging at times, but God has given us those special moments to get our focus back on Him and what He is doing in the lives of others. Our desire is to see lives changed....people drawn closer to the Lord and accepting His free gift of salvation. What a blessing to have the opportunity to develop a special friendship with Adolfo (the caretaker of the Carlos Laborde property) his wife Jimena, and their three children. It gives us so much joy to hear that they started attending one of our mission churches, Jesucristo Vive (Jesus Christ Lives Church) on Sunday mornings. They are taking steps closer to the Lord! Lea (one of our main leaders) has been full of surprises as she teaches and shares object lessons. She has a real love for kids and it is very evident as she interacts with them. I (Mary Sue) have been meeting with Lea weekly which has been a blessing to both of us. Lea has been learning English and I have been able to help her with that. Our times together also give us a chance to talk about Carlos Laborde and what will help it to move forward. It was Lea's idea to having movie night from time to time. What a hit! At our last movie night we watched an animated story of Amy Carmichael, missionary to India. Jose Daniel and Lourdes Gonzales are two of the kids who faithfully attend Carlos Laborde. They were saved at the kids club when a special program was presented there. Their lives were changed for eternity!



## Kids Club

On Dec 30<sup>th</sup> we were in for a big surprise when we arrived at our kids club. We knew that a group of leaders from La Gracia Church had planned on bringing Christmas gifts to the kids the previous week when we were out of town. What we didn't know was that those plans had been postponed because of heavy rains. What a day! A group of 35 leaders and youth from the church had arrived early and gone door to door in the neighborhood to invite all the kids to a special program and to receive a Christmas gift. When we arrived many of the leaders had taken all the neighborhood kids to the park to enjoy a time of games. Then when they came back to the Carlos Laborde property we couldn't believe it....they just kept coming. About 120 kids and at least 30 moms and dads! A clear gospel message was presented to them using Child Evangelism materials, then they all received a snack, and then a special Christmas gift. It was really incredible! Dan and I were able to meet some of the parents and neighbors. It was truly a delight! That is just a quick summary of some of the blessings at Carlos Laborde.

Last Sunday we had the opportunity to travel out of town to worship at Ebenezer Church very close to our mission camp, Camp Buena Vista. There were dark clouds all along the two hour trip and the rains came as we

got within 10 minutes of the church. We were told that it had been raining all morning in the community, so people would be arriving late for church. Meanwhile they served us a breakfast of oatmeal and bread with cheese in it. By the time the church service started the rains had stopped and it was clearing up to be a beautiful day. Dan had the privilege of preaching and also dedicating the new church leadership committee. The service ended with a very special celebration of communion.



Ebenezer Church Leader Dedication

Ebenezer Church has the unique outreach ministry in providing breakfast for community children on Sunday mornings. We shared with them on Sunday that money had come in through the GMI Christmas project fund to help with this ministry. They were very thankful and encouraged by this good news!



La Paz Trip

It was a blessing in early December to have Jeremy Clark (Director of Grace Ministries International) and Pastor Cliff Tulsie (GMI board member) here as our Bolivia mission celebrated their 60th anniversary. This wonderful event was a true celebration of God's faithfulness through the years! They were able to see all of our churches here in Santa Cruz and had opportunities to teach our pastors and leaders. Jeremy, Pastor Santos Ortega, and Dan were able to travel up to the Altiplano region of La Paz. They visited our mission churches and were involved in teaching and encouraging the pastors.

Thank you for your faithful support of our ministry in Bolivia. We are so thankful for your prayers and financial help. We value your prayers and are often in situations where we feel your prayers lifting us up! If you would like to donate online to our ministry through Grace Ministries International, please click [here](#). We feel very blessed to have the opportunity to work alongside the Bolivian church leaders to encourage and empower them to continue to move forward in the ministries that the Lord has given them. Thank you for this privilege! We appreciate your partnership with us!

Please pray:

1. for our La Paz pastors and their families.
2. for the outreach and ministry at Carlos Laborde.
3. for those in our mission who have recently lost loved ones.
4. for our physical health, strength and wisdom in ministry.

Praise:

1. for the wonderful visit from Jeremy Clark and Pastor Cliff Tulsie.
2. for the funds that have come in for the GMI Christmas projects here in Bolivia.
3. for the opportunity to preach and encourage the believers at Ebenezer Church last Sunday.

Serving through Christ,  
Dan and Mary Sue Reed