



Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

We are excited to share with you what God has been doing in our lives over the past few months! As you may recall, in our last prayer letter we shared with you that we were preparing to leave Malawi and transition to a new season of ministry in Bolivia. We are happy to report that we arrived safely in Santa Cruz de la Sierra, Bolivia in mid-November and we have been enjoying getting better acquainted with our new team members, Talo and Patty Vergara, and their boys Lucas and Mati over the past several weeks. We previously met the Vergara family when they were serving with Grace Ministries International (GMI) in Paraguay. Being acquainted with them in Paraguay has helped with our transition to Bolivia and it is an added benefit that their boys are close in age to Nina and the children enjoy playing and spending time together.

Before arriving in Bolivia, we had the opportunity to visit Gloria's family in Brazil and Brian's family in Argentina. During this time, we completed some necessary paperwork and caught up on Amelie's vaccinations. Our time in both countries was a blessing as our families finally got to meet Amelie in person and spend quality time with Nina and us. It was refreshing to have some time to relax with family after the long flights from Malawi and the significant transition of leaving our life in Africa.

We have been in Bolivia for a little over a month and are continuing to settle in and familiarize ourselves with our new location. We are temporarily staying in an apartment adjacent to Talo and Patty Vergara's home while we wait for some repairs and renovations to be completed on the house where we will live. During our first month here we've had the opportunity to connect with several GMI-affiliated churches in the city of Santa Cruz. Brian also visited Centro Biblico de la Gracia (Grace Bible Center) where classes were winding down for the year. Much of Brian's ministry will take place here as he assists Talo Vergara with teaching the Bible school students. He has also had the opportunity to help with some youth group Bible studies over the past couple of weeks.





Brian with the youth group from "Iglesia Casa de Misericordia"

We were recently blessed with a visit from GMI's Executive Director, Jeremy Clark. It was a great time to be together with Jeremy and our new teammates, Talo and Patty. We have a real sense of excitement about what God is preparing to do here in Bolivia and how he will use us to impact the Bolivian people for Christ.

We are looking forward to celebrating Christmas as a family in Bolivia with our new friends and coworkers. Brian has the privilege of preaching at one of the GMI-affiliated churches here in Santa Cruz on the Sunday before Christmas, where he will share a message titled "The True Christmas". His message will encourage reflection on the reason we celebrate this season and point to the coming of Jesus our Savior.



Shopping in the local market

As we prepare for 2025, we look forward to the ministry opportunities the new year will bring, both at Centro Biblico de la Gracia and in some of the churches in the greater Santa Cruz area. During our first year in Bolivia, Gloria's primary focus will be on the girls and homeschooling Nina. Please join us in praying that we will have an effective year of ministry as we settle into our new roles and responsibilities here in Santa Cruz and acclimate to a new field of ministry.

As this year comes to a close, we are deeply grateful to the Lord for each of you who have supported us—both during our time in Malawi and now as we begin this new chapter in Bolivia. As we serve the Lord in Bolivia, our goal is to build up local leaders who will continue faithfully preaching the Gospel of Grace.



Family Christmas Picture

We wish you a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year! May the Lord bless you greatly! We are grateful for your partnership with us and for being a part of His work around the world.

With love and gratitude,

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