



*Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,*

We are delighted to share a new prayer letter with you, updating you on the developments in our lives and ministry over the past six months. It has now been a little over a year since we arrived in Santa Cruz de la Sierra, Bolivia (November 2024), and the Lord has been with us every step of the way. Our primary purpose in coming to Bolivia was to assist our GMI teammates, Talo and Patty Vergara, at Centro Bíblico de la Gracia (Grace Bible Center), where Brian was able to teach during all three trimesters of 2025.

This year, our goal is to develop new curriculum and also improve the existing curriculum already being taught in some of the courses. As part of this process, we will also begin developing new courses for the third and fourth year classes for Grace Bible Center.

As you may know, Grace Bible Center fulfills one of GMI's purposes of preparing and equipping local pastors and Christian workers for ministry through sound Biblical and theological education. We are grateful to be able to contribute to this work. While not all students will become pastors, we can identify those who have a desire for pastoral ministry or church leadership, and it is a joy to see them being trained and eager to learn from the Lord.

During the first part of 2025, we traveled as a family to visit the eleven GMI-affiliated churches within the greater Santa Cruz area. For much of the year, we also assisted with the ministry at Casa de Misericordia (House of Mercy) Church, where we were able to reorganize the worship team and assist with various activities, including preaching. Brian, along with fellow GMI missionary Talo Vergara, and the church's pastor shared the preaching on a rotating schedule.

Being new to Bolivia, it has been challenging at times to build relationships with the members of the local churches we have visited.



Missionary Conference at La Gracia Church



Nina with Brian at a youth camp where he was translating the teaching from Portuguese to Spanish



Brian and Gloria wearing typical African clothes for a Missionary Conference

As we prayed about how we could engage more with these believers, we began to explore the idea of hosting a Bible study in our home this year as an opportunity to build deeper relationships with them. We don't want to limit this Bible study to only the members of Casa de Misericordia, where we primarily attend on Sundays. Our goal is to open it to anyone who desires to engage in a time of fellowship and Bible study with us.

As missionaries, we are encouraged to see the GMI-affiliated churches here become more involved in missions, in part due to the encouragement and presence of the GMI team members serving here in this field. So far, we have participated in two Mission Conferences: one at a church called *Jesucristo Te Ama*, and another organized by *Misión Evangélica Bethesda* (Bethesda Evangelical Mission), which is the umbrella organization of the GMI-affiliated churches in Bolivia. This growing interest and involvement in missions is the fruit of the many missionaries who left their countries and comforts to share the grace of God with the people of Bolivia over many decades. As missionaries, we understand how important it is for churches to maintain a genuine interest in missions because missions are part of God's heart for the lost.

After being in Bolivia for a little over a year, we were blessed with the opportunity to enjoy a time of family vacation at the end of 2025 and the beginning of 2026. 2025 was a year filled with new activities and many changes for our family. After spending over a year in Malawi, we had to adapt to a new pace of life and ministry here. While Gloria stayed busy with various activities, including studying to improve her English, homeschooling Nina, caring for the girls, and taking care of our home, Brian was also busy with his new responsibilities.

Following a busy year adapting to our new field and new ministries, we were thankful to be able to enjoy a beautiful time of rest in Argentina. While there, we visited with family, saw many wonderful places, contemplated the beauty of God's creation, and once again affirmed that each of us has been designed by the greatest Artist of all. We returned to Santa Cruz renewed and eager to continue working and living day by day for our beloved Lord, so that more and more people may come to know Him.

Thank you for your prayers, support, and encouragement over the past year, and for partnering with us in our work in Bolivia! May the Lord bless you and renew your walk with Him in the new year.

With love and gratitude,

*Brian, Gloria, Nina, and Amelie Abranovich*

Our family visiting "The Natural Amphitheater", in Cafayate



The Painter's Palette, a beautiful mountain in Maimara, Jujuy, Argentina



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