



It would be difficult to count the number of times we have looked at each other and grinned in amazement as we have witnessed God's working in our lives since returning to Santa Cruz, Bolivia, on March 7. Yes, our patience has been tried while wading through the residency process, living in the middle of dusty house repairs, and adjusting to the noises and traffic of a growing city. But those are all minor compared to the wonder of the reality that God is enabling us once again to serve Him in this country.

Since the day we arrived, Frosty has been working closely with the leadership of the Misión Evangélica Bethesda (MEB). Our coming to Bolivia was in response to the MEB's request for assistance from Grace Ministries International in establishing effective training for a new generation of Bolivian pastors, missionaries, and church leaders to strengthen existing churches, expand the ministry, and reach other countries in South America with the gospel of God's grace.

Training a new generation demands a solid preparation for existing pastors and leaders who will be used to teach. So we recently brought together a group of 20 pastors and associates from the Santa Cruz area to lay out a plan for their ongoing education with a goal toward ordination by the MEB. This has been a longstanding need, as only one pastor has ever received a MEB ordination. A number of the men expressed an eagerness to begin study, so we are now looking at developing a plan of study and initiating classes.



Santa Cruz area pastors were challenged with the need for further training

Pastor Guillermo Choquebarra was among the men present at the meeting. He recently recalled how Frosty showed up at his door late one evening in 2000. There was an urgent need as the little church in La Guardia, 10 miles from Santa Cruz, was suddenly without a pastor. Would Guillermo be willing to fill the pulpit for three months? He chuckles that the three months have become 17 years in which time the church has grown with an emphasis on discipleship and missions. A young woman from the congregation currently is serving short term in Hong Kong!

Where will we train this new generation? During our earlier ministry in Bolivia a facility was constructed to house our theological training center (CENTEB). In subsequent years CENTEB has ceased operation and the ex-



Cathy meets weekly with a prayer group at Henry Prince School



Pastor Guillermo and Dina Choquebarra have served for 17 years in La Guardia

isting building, also housing MEB office space, is insufficient for future needs. So much time over the past two months has been spent in prayer, discussion, and consultation on what should be the next step.

We are thrilled to see the MEB recently take a huge step of faith by asking GMI to partner with them in constructing a second floor to the existing building for the purpose of biblical and theological training. The facility will house three classrooms, a library, and an office for the CENTEB director.

While Frosty has been working extensively with the MEB leadership, Cathy has been involved in discipleship with young women and a very important ministry through prayer. Always sensitive to the individual needs of women, she will invite them into our home or go where they are to hear their needs and support them in prayer. Cathy has also become an integral part of a weekly group of parents and staff members at Henry Prince School (a ministry of the MEB) as they gather for an hour each Tuesday to pray for the school, teachers, and God's work in the lives of students.

We thank you for supporting us in prayer as we serve Christ through GMI in Bolivia. In the coming weeks, please remember the following requests:

- Cathy's ministry with young women and with the Henry Prince prayer group.
- Frosty's interaction with MEB leaders and discipleship of young men.
- The CENTEB building project; challenging our churches to support the MEB's commitment.
- Wisdom and discernment in prioritizing ministries, and knowing when to rest.

If you are interested in staying in touch through our monthly email update, please contact us at frosty.hansen@gracem.org. We would love to add you to our list.

In Christ's amazing grace,
Frosty and Cathy Hansen