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*"Oh give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; for His steadfast love endures forever!"*

This common refrain, found often in the Psalms and other portions of the Old Testament, is prominent as we reflect upon the many evidences God's good and steadfast love during our first eight months back in Bolivia. As we pray together at the close of each day, we often find ourselves choked up by feelings of awe when we consider how the Lord has worked in difficult situations, through ministry opportunities, and in growing our own faith-life. The Lord is most definitely good!

Our May letter expressed two immediate goals for the ministry in Bolivia: providing ongoing education to current pastors and leaders of the Misión Evangélica Bethesda (MEB) as they prepare for ordination, and the construction of a Training Center facility for the MEB to equip future generations of Bolivian pastors, missionaries, and laymen for ministry in the local church and beyond.

Seventeen pastors responded to study a crash course in systematic theology in September and October. Because many of these men must work additional jobs to make a living, the classes Frosty taught were limited to eight two-hour sessions on Friday evenings, each with a cursory view of one of the key sections of theology. One of the pastors has already been teaching the material at his church, while another asked for Frosty's PowerPoint slides to use with his congregation after the first of the year.



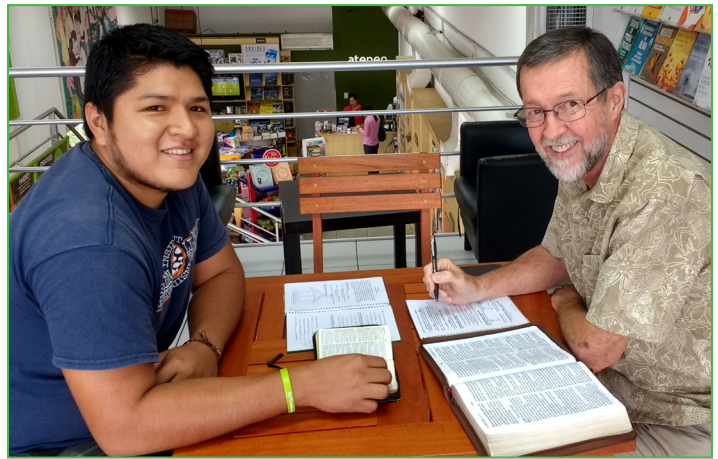
*The construction of the Training Center should be complete by the end of the year*

Meanwhile, we should have permanent teaching space after the first of the year when we inaugurate our new theological training center (CENTEB). The construction of a second-floor addition over the MEB offices will provide three classrooms, a small library, and an office for the CENTEB director. A feature we added was an exterior ramp, inviting persons with disabilities to study God's Word with us. If you are interested in a tour of the architect's vision for the Training Center, you can search "GMI Bolivia Training Center Building" and find it on YouTube.

As excited as we are to witness the Lord's faithfulness in supplying the funds for the CENTEB facility, we are ecstatic to see the eagerness to study God's Word. A week does not pass without inquiries from people in our churches as to when classes will begin. The amazing thing is that individuals like Mayra, a young woman with no church background who we have used to notarize legal papers, made us promise to tell her when classes begin so that she can learn about the Bible. The Lord is good, and His steadfast love endures forever!



*Cathy was speaker for a women's retreat with six of the La Paz area churches*



*Guillermo has a desire to grow in his knowledge of God's Word as he prepares for ministry*

We are also busy investing in the lives of individuals through discipleship and building personal relationships. Cathy has brought the pastors' wives together on two occasions for a time of sharing and prayer, and this has opened the door for some private heartfelt discussions about struggles in ministry. The Lord has also used Cathy's life experiences and love of Scripture to minister to women's groups in churches and invest in the personal lives of young women.

The last weekend of October was a special blessing for the women of our six churches in the La Paz area when Cathy and Dina, a pastor's wife from Santa Cruz, participated in their regional women's retreat. Travel to the Altiplano (high plains) region of Bolivia is difficult for those who are not accustomed to an altitude of 12,500 feet or the Aymara culture, but the Lord protected Cathy and Dina's health and the Holy Spirit touched the hearts of women as they taught God's Word.

Frosty has been able to challenge young men in their personal lives and ministry through one-on-one discipleship. We are encouraged to see an eagerness to grow in their knowledge of Scripture, as is the case with a group of theology students who meet twice monthly with Frosty, and to strengthen their daily walk with the Lord and commitment to ministry through weekly accountability sessions.

Yes, God is good, and His steadfast love and grace to us knows no ending! We are blessed to serve Him and are so grateful for the strength and health the Lord has given us at this stage of our lives. What a wonderful privilege it is to be serving Christ Jesus our Lord in Bolivia!

We also thank you for supporting us in prayer. In the coming weeks, please remember the following requests:

- The CENTEB planning committee as we develop a curriculum for 2018 and beyond.
- MEB pastors as we begin a section on Dispensational Theology in January.
- Our personal discipleship ministries with young women and young men.
- The challenges and heavy financial costs of updating government paperwork.
- Additional missionaries to help in the CENTEB ministry.

May the Lord bless you and your family during the Christmas season and throughout the coming year. If you are interested in staying in touch through our monthly email update, please contact us at [frosty.hansen@gracem.org](mailto:frosty.hansen@gracem.org). We would love to add you to our list.

In awe of His grace to us,  
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