

# The Vergaras

*"For we are God's handiwork,  
created in Christ Jesus to do  
good works, which God prepared  
in advance for us to do."  
Ephesians 2:10*

**in Bolivia**

**January 2022**

Greetings from Santa Cruz, Bolivia!

It's amazing how time goes by so fast. This is our third year living in this city, and we still haven't gotten used to the intense heat all year round. But we know that we are here to serve the Lord and that is our motivation and purpose.

The new year 2022 for us is synonymous with change. As you know, our co-workers and great friends Frosty and Cathy Hansen are no longer with us here in Bolivia, and now, as the only missionary couple here, the challenges are big because there is so much work to do.

The ministry of Centro Bíblico de la Gracia (CBG) continues to challenge us; however, we have been able to adapt to virtual

classes. We do have amazing news! Thanks to God and your support, we are installing several wire internet connections in every room of the school, so that we will have better quality internet to be able to offer face-to-face, online, and hybrid classes. (Students will be able to receive both face-to-face and online classes at the same time.) This has been a great investment, but we trust the Lord is giving us the green light to do this. We are sure that it will be of great benefit to the students and continue to strengthen CBG and the future leaders we are training.

Talo is organizing how each of the areas of CBG will work, as far as communication, promotion, administration, counseling, financial records, and more. He is working on building a team of volunteers who are committed to each area.

This year Patty will finish her level-four English classes. She is working hard on her communication skills and preparing herself to homeschool Lucas and Mati in English. She is beginning to feel more comfortable when speaking English, although, she is still concerned about making a mistake, but that's how you learn! She is overcoming her fears little by little.

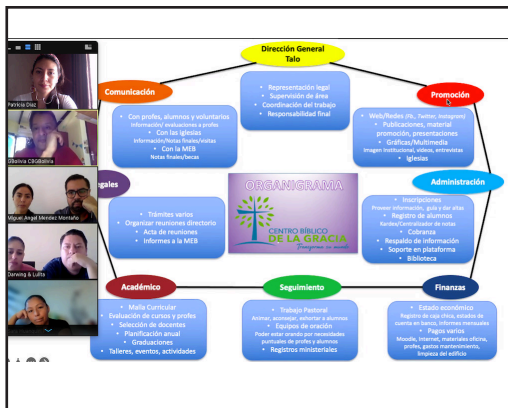
Times flies and our children are growing! Mati turned 2 years old in December and Lucas turns 4 on February 8. We thank God for taking care of them, because they are a great blessing for us. We want to share with you that our sweet Lucas is ready to start preschool and we have decided to home school him beginning in August. We are happy for this new stage of his life. As parents, we are often afraid of making mistakes in decisions concerning our children, but in the midst of these fears we feel the peace of God, and we trust that for now, it will be the best decision for Lucas. If you would like to help us support Lucas in this, we would be very grateful!



*DAR Christmas project 2021*



*Lucas got his first medal at a swimming festival*



*CBG Volunteer Meeting*



*Home Schooling*



*Talo preaching at Emanuel Church*

Talo has successfully completed his Master's degree in Bible with an emphasis in interpretation and teaching. It took a lot of effort, and as a family we are very proud of him. Talo has always shown that to serve God we must continue to grow in knowledge and teach the Word of God with reverence and passion.

Our work does not end here, Talo continues to support the pastoral staff at the Emanuel Church as an advisor and preaching once a month. He is also supporting other local Grace churches with preaching and teaching.

As you can see, many changes are happening in our lives. We

would love to hear from you. An e-mail from you would encourage us and help us stay connected as a family of faith. Please know that we constantly thank God for you. Even though we have not had the opportunity to see you in person, you are dear to us and we deeply appreciate your prayers and support.

Here are some things you can pray for:

- Pray for Talo as he leads in planning for the new trimester of classes starting in February, and all the academic needs of Centro Biblico de la Gracia.

- Our most persistent request is for people equipped to teach in CBG, with hearts willing to serve, and for God to send more missionaries to this field.

- Pray that God will continue to grant us wisdom in our work and also strengthen our marriage.

- Pray for Lucas as we begin to homeschool him, and that God will help Patty to be patient and manage her time well.

Talo and Patty Vergara  
Lucas and Mati



*Happy Times*



*Talo sharing the gospel at Bethesda Church*



*The CBG board organized a going away dinner for Frosty and Cathy Hansen*

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