

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

February 2021

Dear Friends,

Our family sends you greetings once again. We want you to know how much we appreciate your faithful prayers and support for our ministry. You are such a blessing to us! We are thankful that God has allowed us to serve Him here in Bolivia, and for the encouragement and love shown to us by our Bolivian friends.

As Covid-19 has affected the whole world it has changed things for us, too. Santa Cruz has seen changes in many ways, but we have adapted and continued to serve the Lord in new, creative ways.

God has graciously kept our family healthy, for which we are grateful. Lucas (3 years old) and Mati (one year old) are growing fast and it makes us feel the time with them is flying by. They are a great blessing to us.



Matias on his first birthday

Talo continues to work with and support the pastoral leadership team at Emanuel Church. They have weekly meetings and he has shared in some of the preaching responsibilities. He is also currently teaching the men's group regarding the importance of their taking spiritual leadership in the church.



*David, Talo, Fernando, Tothe,
and Daniel at the book club*

He continues to have the opportunity for some deep conversations with different young adults who turn to him for counsel. Talo created a book club and along with fellow missionary, Frosty Hansen, and three other pastors, they have read a couple of pastoral books which have challenged and encouraged them. Moreover, thanks to technology, he has been able to preach a few times at his home church, Iglesia Biblica de la Gracia, in Uruguay.

Classes have resumed at the Centro Biblico de la Gracia with an on-

line format. Since November 2020, Talo has been teaching classes for the new term, and it has been a great challenge for him and the students to adapt to this new way of studying. He is also doing his thesis to finish his master's degree. He continues to serve the Lord and at the same time continue to prepare for ministry.

Last year Patty had been helping Cathy Hansen translate some Bible study lessons in the book of Philippians from English to Spanish. It has been a blessing to them both to think through this precious book of the Bible in hopes of making it available to people here. She has also begun to homeschool Lucas using material in English. This, for her, has a double benefit by improving her English while helping Lucas learn. He is learning and they both enjoy this. Of course, he is very intelligent. :)

DAR Ministries

The year 2020 was a very difficult year to offer food to the homeless and we had to suspend this ministry for several months. However, for Christmas we decided to offer something very special. We were able to provide a lunch and food baskets to 150 people. In addition, we gave Christmas cookies and toys for children. Most importantly, we were able to articulate a clear

message of love and hope in the Lord Jesus Christ to them both in words and actions.

Here are some things you can pray about:

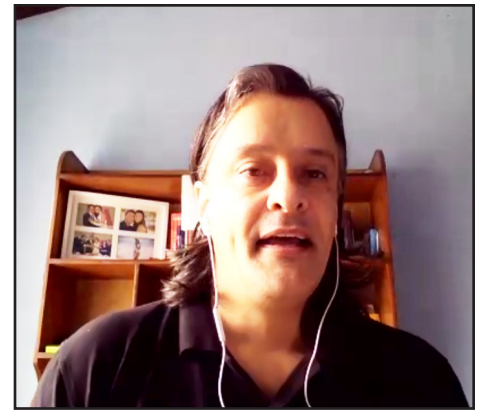
- Pray for wisdom for Talo as he organizes the work he is doing.
- Pray for the students in the Centro, that God would encourage them as they study His Word.
- Pray for those teaching the classes in the Centro. Teaching online classes is not easy and they need wisdom as they prepare.
- Pray that we will have wisdom in knowing when the right time is to return to in-person classes.
- Pray for Patty as she takes these first steps in Lucas' education, and for her to improve her English in the process.
- Pray, too, for our family's physical and mental health.

Again, thank you so much for your support. We also are praying for you asking God to care for you and provide for your needs.

Talo and Patty Vergara



Lucas home school time



Talo preaching in the Uruguay Church



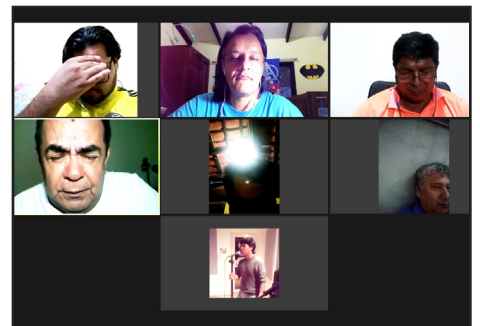
DAR Christmas Project 2020



Talo preaching in Emanuel Church



We celebrated Christmas with Frosty and Cathy Hansen. It was very nice!



Talo teaching the men's group

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