

# 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**

**September 2021**

Dear Friends,

We constantly thank God for you. Even though we have not had the opportunity to see you in person for a long time, we remember you dearly and we deeply appreciate your prayers and support.

Despite living through these complicated and stressful times of Covid and lockdowns, we have seen God's favor in our family and ministry. We have been healthy and our children, Lucas and Matías, continue to grow and remain healthy as well. We praise and thank the Lord!



*Lucas and Matias at the park*

Though the work at the Centro Bíblico de la Gracia (CBG) continues to be a challenge, we have adapted little by little to virtual classes which we continue to offer. We are blessed to have had over 20 students each trimester and we are welcoming new students in the upcoming trimester. By the end of this year we will have 6-7 students who have finished all 12 first-year classes, so in 2022 we will be ready to start teaching our second-year classes.

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 churches affiliated with Grace Ministries International by preaching and teaching.

Patty has been taking English classes since the beginning of the year. She is working hard to progress in her communication skills and to prepare herself to home school Lucas and Mati in English. Home schooling is a whole new world of education for Patty, but even in the midst of her doubts, God has comforted and motivated her to confirm this decision. We have found a

quality bilingual curriculum and, if God allows, next year Lucas will formally begin his home school studies.

Our online book reading groups have been a success during this year. We have started a fourth book, *The Case for a Creator*, by Lee Strobel, and there is a strong group of people from both Uruguay and Bolivia meeting weekly. It is a blessing to have people who, through reading books, are learning more about God and continuing to grow in their faith.

We are excited to tell you that this month Talo is complet-



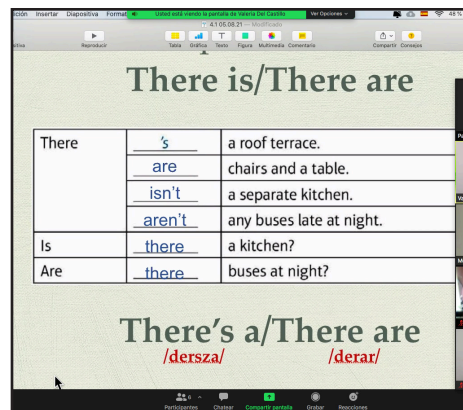
*Lucas and his new pet, Luna*



*The Book Club*



*Patty at the women's group*



*Patty's English classes*

ing his master's degree! It has been a long road over several years of online classes, but it has been a great and invaluable experience. He has continued to grow in knowledge of the Word of God in order to be better prepared to teach.

### **Praises:**

- We thank the Lord that Talo is finishing his master's degree. We are in awe of His providence and faithfulness to let Talo grow in knowledge of His Word and to be better prepared to teach.
- Praise the Lord for a great year at the CBG. We are graduating a good number of students with a first-year degree and

looking forward to a challenging but exciting 2022.

- We are so thankful for our two healthy boys who keep us busy. They are full of life and energy, and we love them dearly.

### **Prayer Requests:**

- Pray for wisdom for Talo as he organizes his time in ministry, finishing his master's degree, and balancing family responsibilities.
- Pray for the students in the CBG, that God would encourage them as they study His Word.
- Pray for new students, and especially youth who would like

to prepare themselves to serve the Lord.

- Pray for the teachers at CBG. Pray for health and wisdom to excel in their online teaching experience.
- Pray for our family's physical and mental health, especially for Patty and her many responsibilities in the ministry, teaching and caring for Lucas and Matias, and learning English.

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

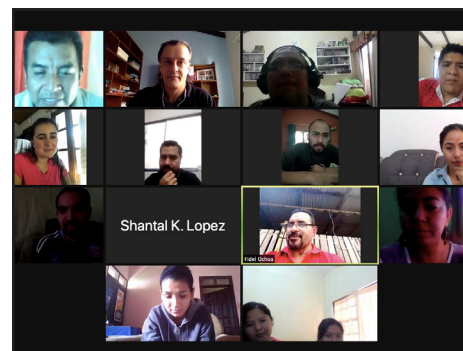
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*Lucas' home school time*



*Talo preaching at Emanuel Church*



*Talo teaching at CBG*

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