



**Vergara Family**  
Talo, Patty, Lucas & Matias

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*“Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus”*

— *Philippians 4:6-7*

## Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

We are already in the second semester of 2023, and God has continually shown his faithfulness at all times. We continue to pray for the opportunity to visit you in the United States, but we rest in God and in His perfect timing. In the meantime, we want to share with you a few highlights of what the Lord has been doing during this time in Bolivia.

### FAMILY – TALO, PATTY, LUCAS AND MATIAS

We thank God that Lucas finished Preschool, and will soon start Kindergarten; he is very intelligent and has learned a lot during this time. Matias is learning alongside his brother, doing simpler activities. Mati, as a student is more challenging than Lucas because he is restless, and a bit hyperactive. Patty works to find strategies to help him learn in different ways! The boys are taking swimming lessons and really enjoy them. They are excited to go to the beach someday and meet sharks. We hope they can fulfill the first desire but not the second one. Scary!

As a married couple, we are very blessed. We just celebrated our seventh anniversary and we thank God for his love and grace towards us every day. The Lord has been so good to us, He is the cornerstone of our family and we continue to trust Him to lead.

This year we have had a few difficult times when we needed to trust God for physical needs. Talo had an accident at home that was really scary, but we thank the Lord for how He took care of him and that his injury was minimal. Patty also has had some health problems, mostly due to stress; but God has been good and she has been improving. Lucas and Matias have also been sick mostly due to climate changes, but they are now doing well.

### CENTRO BÍBLICO DE LA GRACIA (CBG) - BIBLE TRAINING CENTER

Last month CBG resumed classes for the second trimester and we have 53 students enrolled. Very exciting news! Besides having students from Santa Cruz, the hybrid format allows us to also have three students from the Bolivian cities of La Paz and Cochabamba, and two international students, one from Ecuador and the other from Uruguay. A recurring prayer request is to have more qualified teachers. Thanks to God's faithfulness, we have capable teachers that are committed to teaching with excellence.

Centro Biblico de la Gracia is our passion because the challenge of preparing new leaders and pastors is what motivates Talo's heart. The legacy that our friends Frosty and Cathy Hansen began is being built upon and growing stronger. Through Talo's encouragement the Bolivians have embraced CBG, and many of our churches, along with Bethesda Evangelical Mission (MEB- the association of Bolivian churches affiliated

with GMI) offer financial support so their members can study with us. There is no doubt that the Lord is the One who supports this work. It is not easy and there are always things to improve but we trust God to help us. Thank you for your prayers and support for this important ministry.



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DE LA GRACIA  
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## DAR MINISTRY TO THE HOMELESS

This is the only ministry among our churches in Bolivia geared specifically towards non-Christians. This ministry to the homeless is not easy because the needs are great and the struggle with homelessness can be depressing. However, we continue to challenge our local churches to support this Christ-like ministry. DAR offers medical care, food, showers, personal hygiene, and clothing for men, women, and children, even babies, who live on the street or in the canal near Emanuel Church. It is a great opportunity to share the gospel and pray for

them. Thank you for continuing to support this ministry. Your gifts are a great blessing to these people in need.

## OTHER MINISTRIES

Talo continues to be a support to the local churches associated with Grace Ministries International and is frequently asked to preach. He is a spiritual advisor to the MEB and assists the pastoral leadership of Emanuel Church.

Patty is part of the new leadership team of the women's ministries at Emanuel Church and she has a heart for training women so that they can lead and train other women. She has also been supporting the women's group at Jesu-cristo Vive Church. She has been taking classes at CBG and designs the graphics to promote the classes. She does all of this in addition to homeschooling Lucas and Matias and fulfilling her responsibilities as a wife and mother.

## PRAISES:

- Praise the Lord for all the people who support us in prayer and financially. They are an enormous blessing in our lives.
- PTL for the heart of our local church and the MEB in the commitment to CGB
- PTL for God's faithfulness as He has provided for each of the ministries in Bolivia

## PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Pray for wisdom for Talo in all the work he is involved in.
- Pray for the CBG students; may they continue to commit themselves to study with dignity and to serve with integrity of heart in their churches.
- Pray for our marriage and for wisdom to guide our children, and for our health.
- Pray for Patty and all the work she does at home and the ministries she is involved in.



*Talo Preaching*



*Women's Ministries*

*God Bless You!*

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