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"And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus" Philippians 4:7

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

We hope this letter finds you blessed and as excited as we are about what the Lord is doing throughout the world, especially in Santa Cruz, Bolivia. We keep praying and waiting for the opportunity to finally visit you, as we really want to meet all of you who bless our lives with your prayers and financial support. We are so grateful to God for our lives and want to share with you our latest news.

We would like to describe a little of what the Lord has been doing in our lives and ministry.

Family

Our little ones, Lucas and Matías are doing great in their homeschool classes. Lucas is six years old and in the first grade and he is still taking swimming lessons. Matías is four years old. He loves his homeschool classes and we are amazed by his ability to learn new things. He has reached a new level in swimming lessons and is by far the youngest and smallest kid in his class! We have been happily married for eight years and God has been the cornerstone of our family, sustaining us at every moment. We are sure that waiting on Him has been the best decision we have ever made.

Ministry

Centro Bíblico de la Gracia (Grace Bible Center or CBG) is still running strong with an average of forty to fifty students each trimester. However, there is a continuing need to find capable teachers who enjoy teaching theology. We thank the Lord for providing a high-quality teacher for this current trimester in our fellow Grace Ministries International (GMI) team member from Paraguay, Cleiton Menor, who is teaching an online second-year course. We are so thankful for his support. CBG is our most challenging ministry as we work to consolidate the courses and eventually turn over the leadership to Bethesda Evangelical Mission (MEB), the GMI-affiliated association of churches in Bolivia, so they can continue to train new generations of men and women to serve in ministry here.

DAR Ministry to the Homeless is the only ministry among all our GMI-affiliated churches geared towards non-Christians. Ministering to the homeless who live in drainage canals near Emanuel Church is not an easy ministry and Talo keeps challenging the church and MEB leadership to pursue better ways to serve those in desperate need. DAR offers once-a-month medical assistance, as well as food, clothing, and personal hygiene products for homeless women, men, children, and even babies. Every meeting is a great opportunity to talk about the gospel and pray for them. A few young people from the church volunteer in this ministry that provides care and the love of Christ to the homeless people who visit each

Lucas & Matías



Teaching at CBG



DAR Ministry



month. It is a challenging ministry because it is painful to see people lost in alcohol and drug addiction, many of whom are young or have small children.

Other Ministries We Are Involved In:

We have mentioned in our previous letter that Talo plays several roles here, including those of being a teacher, administrator, and director at CBG. In addition, he continues to faithfully support our local churches through guest preaching, while also serving as a spiritual advisor for the **MEB**.

We were also part of a mission conference organized by the MEB and we were filled with pride to see our young members participate in this event that was enthusiastically received by the brothers and sisters here. We admired how Bolivian young people are taking the reins of certain activities and giving their best so that God is the one who is greatly glorified. More than one hundred people attended this conference. Glory to God! At the event, recognition was also given to those who were serving God outside of Bolivia. We thank our Lord for allowing us to serve him in Bolivia and we are looking to the future with high expectations.

Patty continues to serve in the **women's ministry at Jesucristo Vive Church**. Her goal is to train women in our local MEB-affiliated churches and support ministry leaders in organizing Bible studies and women's meetings. In addition to helping Talo with CBG, Patty is the primary teacher in homeschooling Lucas and Matias and is taking classes at CBG to earn a certification focused on women's ministry.

Big news!!!

It has been over two years since our dear friends Frosty and Cathy Hansen went back to their home in the States. Since then we have been praying and patiently waiting for another missionary family that could join us in the ministry here. We are thankful to the Lord for His recent answer. Near the end of 2024, fellow GMI missionaries, Brian and Gloria Abranovich and their family will be joining us in Santa Cruz, Bolivia! We met Brian and Gloria while we were serving in Paraguay and we developed a good friendship with them. Brian is from Argentina and Gloria is from Brazil. They joined GMI in 2023 and are currently serving the Lord with the GMI team in Malawi. Prior to joining GMI as missionaries, they served in a volunteer capacity alongside the GMI team in Paraguay. We are so excited Brian and Gloria will be joining us soon, especially with their beautiful little girls Nina and Amelie.

We Praise God:

- For our supporters that allow us to serve in Bolivia. You are a huge blessing in our lives
- That God keeps meeting all our needs
- For the many students at CBG and their desire to learn God's word
- For the Abranovich family who is an answer to our prayers and will be joining us soon

Please Join Us in Praying:

- For wisdom for Talo and all the work he does with the CBG, the churches, and the MEB
- For Patty and her health, work at home, studies, and homeschooling of our boys
- For the CBG students, that they will remain motivated to learn and study diligently to serve their local churches with integrity and responsibility
- For Brian, Gloria, Nina, and Amelie; for a smooth transition as they move from Malawi to Bolivia

God Bless you all,

Talo, Patty, Lucas, and Matias



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Talo Preaching



Women's Ministry



The Abranoviches



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