



“Every blessing we enjoy is traced back to Him who is the fountain of all goodness.” — Charles Spurgeon

Dear friends in Christ,

As we begin a new year, we can clearly see God's favor in every detail of our lives and ministry here in Bolivia. In this letter, we would like to share some updates regarding our family and the work the Lord has entrusted to us.

1) Family – Talo, Patty, Lucas, Matías, and Tiziana

Having three children is a great blessing, and we are deeply thankful to the Lord for the privilege of being parents to Lucas (8), Matías (7), and our precious baby girl, Tiziana (8 months). They are growing healthy, loving God, and of course, we are walking through the different challenges that come with each stage of childhood (haha).

As a family, we took a short trip to Uruguay to visit relatives and friends over the holidays. While there, we had the opportunity to dedicate Tiziana to the Lord at our church in Uruguay, an act that was very meaningful for us and something we did not want to overlook. Overall, our family had a wonderful time in Uruguay. We truly needed to recharge our batteries as we prepare to continue carrying the responsibilities ahead, both as a family and in ministry.

2) Centro Biblico de la Gracia (CBG) - Grace Bible Center

As we have shared before, there is always a need for instructors to serve on the academic team at CBG. While we do not have a large number of instructors, we are very grateful to God for the teachers who faithfully serve alongside us. As the director of the Bible Training Center, Talo continually seeks to adapt to what the Lord provides at each moment in order to offer the best possible training for God's service and for the students.

This past year, we celebrated our first-ever graduation ceremony at CBG. We were honored to have Grace Ministries International (GMI) Operations Director, Dwayne Huff, with us for this special occasion. Sixteen students graduated from the first-year program, and three students completed their second year. We are very thankful to the Lord for these brothers and sisters who persevered faithfully through their studies. It was a joy to recognize their commitment, and we are grateful that we can now offer third-year courses to those who have completed the second-year courses.

This ministry requires time, and the fruit is often seen in the long term. Our mission is to continue faithfully in this precious work the Lord has entrusted to us, so that church leaders in Bolivia can be equipped to serve Him with excellence.

3) Other Ministries

In addition to his responsibilities at CBG, Talo had the opportunity to participate in a men's conference at one of our churches. More than thirty men attended this conference and heard a challenging message focused on their role as leaders in their homes. Talo also encouraged them to become more actively involved in the work of the Lord.

Enjoying a short family vacation in Uruguay



Tizi being dedicated to the Lord at our church in Uruguay



Graduation ceremony for students of the Grace Bible Training Center (first and second year)



We continue serving alongside the church “Casa de Misericordia.” Patty has been helping with Sunday school, teaching the younger children, while Talo has been preaching on the Sundays assigned to him. He has also been preaching regularly at another church called “Renacer,” which currently does not have a pastor and needs help covering the pulpit.

When our brother Dwayne visited us in September, he joined our family and our GMI co-workers, the Abranovich family, in traveling together to the city of Cochabamba to visit one of our affiliated churches there. During our visit, Talo had the privilege of sharing God’s Word during the Sunday service there.

The association of GMI-affiliated churches in Bolivia, Misión Evangélica Bethesda (MEB), organized a marriage workshop, where Talo served as one of the speakers. He taught on the roles of husbands and wives, and together we addressed some of the differences couples may face; differences that should not become reasons for separation or obstacles to strengthening a marriage. It was truly a special time shared with other couples.

Talo was also invited to speak to another group of couples at a different church. More than twenty people attended. It was a joyful evening, and without a doubt, God spoke through the message that had been prepared.

Currently, we are focused on organizing the spiritual content for a youth camp hosted by MEB. The Lord placed it on Talo’s heart to challenge the students with a focus on the persecuted church during this year’s camp. Many people are unaware of this reality and often confuse it with general missionary work. The leaders embraced this challenge, and preparations are underway for the young people to learn about the persecuted church and believers who stand for their faith in difficult places. It is also hoped that they will take what they learn back to their home churches and develop a greater appreciation for the blessing of freely worshipping God where they live.

Praises:

- We thank God for the lives of our children, Lucas, Matías, and Tiziana, who are truly a great blessing to us as parents.
- For Lucas and Matías, who are close to completing their schoolwork. It has been a full year of learning for them and for us.
- For the brothers and sisters who graduated from CBG, whose faithfulness in their studies encourages us to continue this work of the Lord.

Prayer requests:

- Please pray for our children and for our marriage, that God would bless our health and guide our plans.
- Pray for the leadership of our churches, that God would raise up men with a pastoral calling, as fewer men are willing to serve the Lord full-time.
- Pray for this new year, which has already begun with many ministry challenges. We will be especially focused on continuing to support our brothers and sisters at “Casa de Misericordia,” and on encouraging Jorge Paniagua, who is now overseeing the work there and has a strong desire to become a pastor.
- Please keep Talo in your prayers as he carries many ministry responsibilities in addition to being a husband and father, and pray for Patty, who also has many responsibilities. May God grant us wisdom in all that we do.
- Finally, we are deeply grateful to everyone who supports us through their prayers and donations. Please know that we are continually praying for you as well.

With gratitude in Christ,

Talo, Patty, Lucas, Matías, and Tiziana



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Talo with brothers from different churches within our Bolivian mission



Talo and Patty sharing part of the final message with the couples at the marriage conference



Talo preaching at “Casa de Misericordia” church



Talo preaching at “Renacer” church



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