



*"God's work done in God's way will never lack God's supply."
— Hudson Taylor*

Dear friends in Christ,

It is hard to believe that we are halfway through the year. As we look back, we can clearly see God's faithfulness every step of the way. Through every challenge and blessing, we have once again witnessed His care and provision. We are thankful for you and for the opportunity to share some updates regarding our family and the ministry here in Bolivia.

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

We are very thankful to the Lord for the growth and well-being of our children. Lucas and Matías successfully completed their school year, with Lucas moving on to the third grade and Matías to the first grade. It continues to be a tremendous blessing to homeschool them and spend so much time learning and growing together as a family.

Our little Tiziana recently celebrated her first birthday. As we look back over this past year, we cannot help but thank God for His protection, good health, and constant care over her life. She has brought tremendous joy to our family.

We are also celebrating a very special milestone this year. Next month we will celebrate our tenth wedding anniversary. As we reflect on all that God has done throughout this decade, our hearts are filled with gratitude for His faithfulness, for the trials that have helped us grow, and for the beautiful family He has allowed us to build. Looking back, we clearly see His goodness in every season of life, and we look forward with confidence, trusting Him to continue guiding our steps.

As a family and ministry, we have also launched a special project through GMI to raise funds for a larger vehicle. The car we currently use has served us faithfully for many years, but with the growth of our family and the increasing ministry opportunities God has provided, it is no longer sufficient for our needs. A larger vehicle will be a valuable tool for both our family and ministry, allowing us to travel more comfortably and safely as we serve in churches, conferences, camps, and other ministry activities. We invite you to join us in prayer for this project and, if the Lord leads you, to consider partnering with us in this need. **If you would like to help us reach our goal, you can return your gift in the enclosed envelope or go to gracem.org, select the Projects tab, and then Vergara Vehicle.**

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

The first months of the year brought some unexpected challenges to our Bible training center in Santa Cruz. Due to heavy rains in our area, several classrooms and the main office at the Bible Training Center suffered from water damage. With the help of the Bethesda Evangelical Mission (MEB), our GMI-affiliated church association in Bolivia, we completed the necessary repairs and restored the facilities, allowing ministry to continue without interruption. During this time, we also took a strategic pause to strengthen and reorganize our academic program. One of our greatest challenges has been preparing third-year courses, as we currently have a limited number of qualified instructors available to teach them.



**Lucas and Matías with
their keyboard teacher,
Eloy Ortega**



Our Family



**CBG students during one
of their classes**

We are grateful to see the fruit of these efforts as we are now halfway through the current term with forty students enrolled and have been able to offer courses for first, second, and third-year students. We thank God for each student who has committed to growing in their preparation to serve the Lord and His church.

Other Ministries

In addition to directing and serving as an instructor at CBG, Talo had the privilege of coordinating the spiritual emphasis for a recent youth camp organized by the MEB and serving as one of the main speakers. The camp was held during a school break for the annual Carnival holiday, which, in Bolivia, is known for celebrations involving water, flour, and paint. It is also widely associated with excessive drinking and sexual immorality. Each year, the MEB takes advantage of this holiday by organizing a youth camp that offers young people a different way to spend those days—focusing on worship, fellowship, and the study of God's Word.

This year's camp focused on the persecuted church. We were blessed to have a guest speaker with extensive experience serving in countries where believers are persecuted and the gospel is forbidden. Hearing his testimonies of God's faithfulness in difficult circumstances was both challenging and encouraging to over a hundred youth. It reminded everyone of the tremendous privilege we have to openly share our faith.

We also continue serving alongside Casa de Misericordia Church. Patty remains involved in the children's Sunday school ministry, while Talo continues assisting with preaching and pastoral ministry, mentoring and encouraging Jorge Paniagua, who is currently overseeing the ministry there.

We have also had the privilege of walking alongside a young couple through a courtship discipleship course. Because they were facing various questions and challenges in their relationship, we began a more intentional process of study and discipleship. Patty developed materials that included discussion questions, assignments, videos, and reflection activities to complement the main curriculum. This has been a very rewarding experience that has allowed us to get to know them better and help guide them toward decisions that honor the Lord and encourage them to build a relationship grounded in biblical principles and the pursuit of God's will for their lives.

Praises:

- We rejoice in the opportunities God provides for sharing His Word through CBG and our ministry in local churches.
- We praise God for His faithfulness and provision for our family.
- We thank God for each of you who makes this ministry possible through your prayers, encouragement, and financial support.

Prayer requests:

- As we approach our tenth wedding anniversary, please pray that our home would continue to reflect the love and grace of Christ and that we would faithfully guide our children in His ways.
- Pray that God would continue raising up men with a genuine pastoral calling to strengthen our churches and prepare a new generation of leaders for His work.
- Pray for wisdom, perseverance, and spiritual growth for Jorge Paniagua as he continues developing as a leader at Casa de Misericordia.
- Pray that the Lord would provide the funds for our new vehicle and that we would trust God's timing and provision throughout the process.

Thank you so much for faithfully supporting us through your prayers and gifts. We are grateful for you and continually pray that you would experience God's blessing, care, and provision in your own lives.

With gratitude in Christ,

Talo, Patty, Lucas, Matías, and Tiziana



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Patty sharing God's Word with the children during Sunday school



Talo and Patty with Junior and Sara during one of their courtship discipleship meetings

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