



**SERVING WITH GRACE MINISTRIES INTERNATIONAL**

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*"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ" Ephesians 1:3*

### **Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,**

The new year is well underway and we are thanking the Lord for everything we experienced in 2023. Undoubtedly, His faithfulness, grace, and mercy have been our strength to continue our good fight as pilgrims in this world. We continue praying that God will provide an opportunity to visit the United States in the not-too-distant future and renew our relationships with you, our dear friends and supporters. In the meantime, we would like to share with you what the Lord has been doing in our family and the ministry in Bolivia.

### **Family**

Time passes so quickly and our little ones are growing not only physically but also in their love for the gospel. Lucas is about to finish Kindergarten, and Matías is about to start Preschool. Each boy has a different learning style and Patty is constantly working to tailor lessons to fit their unique way of learning. Lucas and Matías love their swimming classes, and Lucas would like to learn how to play the piano this year. We thank God for Matías who turned four years old last December and for Lucas who turned six on February 8th.

As a couple, we feel at peace with the Lord and we are always supporting each other and seeking God's direction for our family. Last year we experienced some health problems, but God provided for these needs and also met our spiritual and financial needs as well. Through your prayers and support, we see God's faithfulness and care for our family and ministry. Thank you!

### **Ministry**

**Centro Biblico de la Gracia** (Grace Bible Center or CBG) is the Bible training center Talo directs that was established in cooperation with Misión Evangélica Bethesda (Bethesda Evangelical Mission). Misión Evangélica Bethesda (MEB) is an organization that is comprised of the churches affiliated with GMI in Bolivia, and it is a blessing to be able to train ministry leaders who are serving in these churches. We praise God that in 2023 we averaged over 50 students each trimester! We thank God that the teachers who taught classes at CBG last year have committed to continue teaching this year.

CBG continues to be our passion and preparing new leaders and pastors for effective ministry is the primary reason we are in Bolivia. We are thankful God gave Frosty and Cathy Hansen the vision to start CBG and we hope to continue to faithfully use this tool to equip Bolivians for ministry. Our ministry partners at the MEB have committed to helping CBG to continue growing

### **CBG**



### **Missions Conference**



### **DAR Ministry**



and improving. This ministry is not easy and there are a lot of needs but we are trusting in God and His provision.

**DAR** is a ministry to the homeless sponsored by Emanuel Church and is the only ministry among all our grace churches in Bolivia that is focused exclusively on non-Christians. DAR provides medical assistance, food, bathrooms, personal hygiene, and clothing for men, women, children, and even babies who live on the streets near Emanuel church. In addition to meeting their physical needs, volunteers also have great opportunities to share the gospel and pray with those who visit this ministry. It has been wonderful to see the young people serving in this ministry and we are very grateful for the local leadership and their commitment to follow in Christ's footsteps and help those in need (Mt. 25:40).

We were part of the **MEB Missionary Conference** where Talo was the main speaker and also presented a workshop on how to use your testimony to share the gospel with others. Patty participated in a panel discussion where she talked about how to know if God is calling you to serve as a missionary. The conference was a great blessing with more than one hundred people attending. Glory to God!

Talo continues to provide guidance and support to the **MEB national board** which meets once a month and also to its various committees. The MEB leadership has a strong desire to move forward with a focus on providing spiritual training for church leaders and experiencing real growth as a denomination.

Patty continues to support the **women's ministry of the Jesucristo Vive** church. She would like to assist and train leaders in the area churches in organizing Bible studies and discipleship. She participated in a book study in another church and our Lord did great things through this book.

In addition to supporting Talo in the work of CBG, her work with women's ministries, and her responsibilities as a wife and mother, Patty also **homeschools Lucas and Matías**.

#### **We Praise God:**

- For all the people who support us through their prayers and gifts! They are an enormous blessing to our lives and through them, God meets all our family and ministry needs.
- For the people who continue studying at CBG and for their desire to learn the word of God.
- For the hearts of the local churches and the MEB, which are increasingly committed to the ministry of CBG.

#### **Please Join Us in Praying:**

- For wisdom for Talo and all the work he does with CBG, the local churches, and the MEB.
- For Patty's health, her studies, and homeschooling the children.
- For our marriage, and that God grants us patience, grace, and wisdom to guide our little Lucas and Matías day by day.
- For the CBG students. Pray that they study diligently and will be prepared to serve their local churches with integrity.

God Bless you all,

*Talo, Patty, Lucas, and Mattías*



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### **Homeschooling**



### **MEB Anniversary**



### **Talo Preaching**



### **Women's Ministry**



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