

The Vergaras

“For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.”
Ephesians 2:10

in Bolivia

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“The Lord will vindicate me; your love, Lord, endures forever – do not abandon the works of your hands.”

Psalm 138:8

As servants of God, our hearts’ desire is to do everything with excellence because everything we do is for the Lord. So when we go through times of doubt, stress, or looking how we can accomplish all there is to do as the only GMI missionaries in Bolivia, our Lord faithfully has given the insight and comfort to keep pushing us on.

We want to share with you some ways we have seen the Lord at work during the past months.

Centro Biblico de la Gracia (CBG)

As we approach a new trimester, our concerns are finding who will teach and how to get everything ready for the start of classes. There is always much to do with few human resources. But God has not left us alone! We are seeing more and more leaders demonstrate a love for this ministry and realize the blessing CBG brings as we train new leaders.

Thanks to your prayers and gifts, we have been able to update the technology in our facility to provide an excellent learning experience for each student. Each class now gives the student the option of studying face-to-face or on-line. We also have a team of Bolivians who are supporting us by helping in areas of administration, finances, and student followup. This has been a great help, as it relieves us of some of our heavy load.

We are excited to have 53 students during the current trimester! What a joy to see the Lord calling His people to study and prepare themselves to better be able to serve His church. We still have many ways in which we can grow and improve, but we are dedicated to keep pressing on for CBG to fulfill its purpose of preparing godly people with a knowledge of His Word in order to be an influence in the church and society.

The DAR Ministry (DAR is an acronym for Give, Help, Rescue)

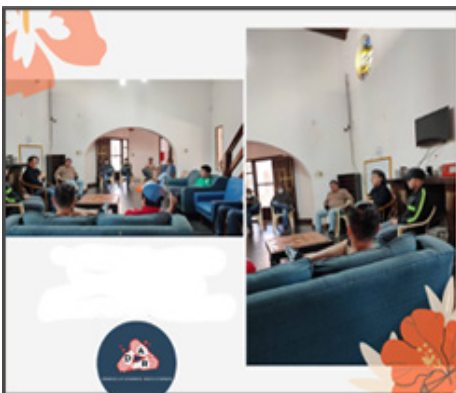
This unique ministry of one of our Bolivian churches is designed to help those who are homeless. Once a month our

team of believers provide an opportunity for these street people to shower, receive clean clothes, a meal, and medical attention. Most importantly, they also hear the Word of God. When we see these people in very difficult situations and without God in their lives, we have a deep desire to share the gospel with them through one-on-one conversations. We want to let them know that, despite their circumstances, God still loves them. Please pray for this difficult ministry and join us in praying for the children, mothers with babies, and men. We are confident God will work in their lives, even when the situation seems hopeless.

Thank you for supporting and praying for the DAR ministry. Talo and Ricardo Mendez, the leader of this ministry, are in the process of finding a local organization with more experience to come alongside and provide help for those with addictions and other problems.

Our Family

Because there is so much to do and so little free time, we joyfully pour ourselves into our family whenever we



DAR meeting with a leader of a rehabilitation center



Talo preaching at our GMI affiliated Grace Churches in Bolivia



Evangelistic workshop at CBG



Youth Group



DAR ministry



Anniversaries of some of our churches

have opportunity. This is especially important because Lucas (4) and Matías (2) need a lot of attention!

We are so grateful to God for our marriage. The time has flown by as we are about to celebrate our sixth anniversary, and we know without a doubt that God has greatly blessed our home. Lucas will begin pre-school in August, and we are excited to enter this new stage of learning. As we have written in previous letters, we decided to homeschool the boys and, though it is demanding for us as parents, we have great peace about this decision.

We know that many of you have heard about our ministry through our dear friends Frosty and Cathy Hansen. We are very thankful that many of you have decided to support the ministry God has entrusted to us. God is faithful! We are praying the Lord will open the door for us to travel to the States as a family so we can spend time with you.

Our Ministry

Besides directing and teaching at CBG, Talo continues helping our local churches by preaching and counseling pastors and leaders. The Misión Evangélica Bethesda (our affiliated Bolivian church organization) has asked Talo to be an advisor in helping them make important decisions regarding churches and other problems. It's a heavy responsibility, but God has given Talo the necessary wisdom for each situation. He is also connecting and assisting the new young pastor at Jesucristo Vive church who is a longtime friend of his. Talo also is involved with Emanuel Church, working with the pastoral team and helping organize the work in the church. He also fills the pulpit at various churches.

Patty is part of the leadership team of a youth group called RAÍCES (Roots) at Emanuel Church. She is getting to know the girls with the goal to disciple and involve them in deep Bible studies. Patty has also been a great help to

CBG, handling the publicity and sending notifications to students.

Prayer Requests

- **Pray for our students** to be responsible with their classwork and that God will continue to bless their lives and ministries.
- **Pray for the continuing challenges** we have at CBG as we search for qualified teachers for each trimester. We often struggle to find the right teacher.
- **Pray for times of rest.** We are happy with our work, but the heavy load and raising two little boys can be exhausting.
- **Pray for someone to join our team,** either helping with teaching or the administration of CBG. At the moment we are in charge of both aspects of this ministry, plus government paperwork for our mission status in Bolivia.
- **Pray for wisdom** in the daily decisions we are making.

Talo and Patty Vergara
Lucas and Matías



Lucas and Matias doing school work



Talo teaching at Centro Biblico de la Gracia



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