

# MISSION POSSIBLE!

...ALL things are possible  
with God

## Bolivia Update from Dan and Mary Sue Reed



Dear Family and Friends,

***Therefore, my dear brothers, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain (1 Corinthians 15:58).***

My how things have changed...We think of the early missionaries who left the US to live in Bolivia in the 1950s. Santa Cruz was a cattle-producing town with a tropical, hot, humid climate and roads were few and dusty. As they walked, their hearts and minds probably thought what is the need here, the true need and how do we meet it? What do we do about it? They started a ministry with orphans, kids from the streets. They were meeting needs, they were sharing

the good news of God's love and salvation. As they met needs, other needs became evident so they started a small school and the first church.

It's 8:30 am, Saturday, February 4, 2017, and we are sitting in Jesucristo Vive church (Jesus Christ Lives Church). Around 80 pastors, leaders, and youth representing 20 churches from three states have gathered together to do business... God's business! We sing together, listen to some opening words and a prayer, then we are on to ministry business. We hear reports of what is happening in our churches, schools, and Camp Buena Vista. Dan presents a report on what we as Grace Ministries International missionaries have been involved in. It is so encouraging to hear that our Bolivian mission national committee, called the MEB is helping to support 23 of our pastors monthly. Our pastors all have other jobs since their churches can't fully support them. Our mission schools (staffed by many of our church members) are ministering to 2,000 students. They provide a quality education that many families desire for their children. These

schools continue to have a big part in providing the mission with funds to support these 23 pastors. Praise the Lord that Pastor Santos Ortega, one of our pastors here in Santa Cruz, is stepping out in faith to serve full time in his multi-staff church. For some time he has shared with us his desire to move forward in this way and feels that the Lord has impressed on him that now is the right time. This is really a big step for him and we pray that the Lord would provide in very special ways for his family.

A few Sundays ago we headed out of the city to the Km 14 Casa de Misericordia Church (House of Mercy Church). We had had some heavy rains a few days before but really hadn't seen any damage in the city. As we turned off the main paved



Lunch with leaders



Mary Sue with Gabriella, one of the original Km 14 AWANA kids

***"I make myself a slave to everyone, to win as many as possible" 1 Corinthians 9:19.***

road and started driving on the dirt road leading back to the church we saw the damage. The heavy rains had washed away the sides of the road in a few areas. Thankfully, we have a 4x4 vehicle that seems to enjoy getting through tough spots so we had no problem getting to church. The two-level church structure stands out in the neighborhood. The service was wonderful even though the pastor had to compete with a rooster next door and also a bird that kept flying into the sanctuary to check on a nest up in the eaves above the platform. At the end of the service Dan was asked to share with the congregation. He spoke of the early days of this church, when it was just a one-room brick church plant, and how our family had the opportunity to have an active role in the development of it. It is a place where we feel at home!

Many of you may remember that not too long ago on October 25, 2015, Dan's dad (Pastor Dwight

Reed) went to be with the Lord. This past December 7, Mary Sue received word that her dad (Dick Robart) had passed away and entered his eternal home in Heaven. He and his wife Phyllis had served overseas as missionaries in Japan for 23 years. Eleven years ago, just one month before our own family went to Bolivia as missionaries with Grace Ministries International, Dick was diagnosed with Alzheimer's and had lived in a care facility for the last five years. Phyllis was by his side, visiting him faithfully until he was called home to glory. Little did we know that on February 17 Dan's mom (Jane Reed) would be joining our dads in heaven. How amazing to think that three of our parents are rejoicing together today in heaven.

Over the years many things have changed, and yet certain things are still the same. Just like the early missionaries experienced, it can still be a challenge to try to decipher what the priority needs are

and how we can best meet these needs. We are so thankful for the missionaries who walked this path before us and helped the Bolivians establish the ministries here. We feel very blessed to have the opportunity to work alongside the Bolivian church leaders to encourage and empower them to continue to move forward in the ministries that the Lord has given them. What a privilege! Thank you so much for your support of our ministry here in Bolivia! We appreciate your partnering with us!

Serving through Christ,  
Dan and Mary Sue Reed

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*Youth leading music at La Guardia Church*



*Historical church in La Paz*



*Tropical bird in Bolivia*

**Please pray:**

1. for our Bolivian pastors and their families.
2. for Frosty and Cathy Hansen returning to Bolivia to work together with us in the ministry.
3. for our family and especially for our kids as they have lost three of their grandparents in such a short time.

**Praise:**

1. that our Camp Buena Vista is being used for ministry year around.
2. for the improvement of Dan's leg (blood clot).
3. our Bolivian churches and their active ministries.