

MISSION POSSIBLE!

...ALL things are possible
with God

Bolivia Update from Dan and Mary Sue Reed



Dear Family and Friends,

Many of you who are reading this letter know that Dan and I love to encourage the Bolivians in their lives and ministries. In fact our purpose as missionaries in Bolivia is to encourage and empower church leaders to effectively do the work of the ministries which the Lord has given them. We don't want to do the ministries which the Bolivians are capable of doing themselves but to come alongside them and to encourage them to use their talents that God has given them. For eighteen months we were the only Grace Ministries International (GMI) missionaries in Bolivia. On a

Sunday morning in one of our Bolivian churches Dan asked the congregation, "How many missionaries are there now with our Bolivia churches?" He expected to hear two (Dan and myself) and was going to emphasize all the ministry taking place "through the Bolivians" with only two missionaries. But their answer took an unexpected turn. There was a pause and then they started naming Lilibeth, Guillermo, Ariel, Lacey, and Iver. They are all Bolivians from our churches, ones that had been part of missions trips to China, Costa Rica, and ports around the world through the Logos ministry ship. That's what missions is all about!!!

his only answer. Thankfully his older sister was a match and the transplant was done several months ago. Pablo had one setback but is doing well now and wears a mask all the time to keep germs away. We were very thankful to be able to give a financial gift provided through your giving through GMI to this precious, humble family to help with their medical expenses. By the way, as we were sitting in our living room talking and trying to encourage them, our hearts were so blessed and encouraged in return. It was amazing for us to hear them say that God had brought so much good out of this difficult time in their family. They have met so many people and have used these



Tasha and Travis Hall on their wedding day

We would like to share with you some experiences we have had within the last six months. Several months ago we spent an evening talking and encouraging a couple from our mission, Iver Solórzano and his wife. They have several children, but that evening we were talking mainly about their recent experiences with their son named Pablo. Four years ago, at age 14, Pablo started getting sick. It took doctors close to a year to finally figure out what was causing all of his problems. He has been on dialysis three times a week for the past three years. They finally realized a kidney transplant was



The children at our
church anniversary in Bolivia

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

opportunities to be a living witness to so many others.

A few days after that we were down in the main plaza one evening. We had just bought café con leche (strong coffee with milk) from one of the local coffee vendors, whose name happens to be Aleluya Cruz (Hallelujah Cross). He is a Christian man whom we have talked with several times. Before he walked away another man (probably from another South American country) approached us. He had tarot cards in his hand and asked if we would like to have our life read. Dan pulled out one of the evangelism cards which he always carries with him. One side of the card says "Our Gospel" and has 1 Corinthians 15:1-4 printed out. The back side of the card has the Romans road-verses from Romans which explain how you can be saved. Dan explained that we didn't need his cards because we have our card with verses of hope. He wouldn't take Dan's card when he offered it to him, but they talked for a few minutes. Dan ended by saying that he did not want to offend him.



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The man responded by saying that he had not been offended in the least. He said you have good karma and if only more evangelicals were like you. It was a very interesting exchange to watch.... Aleluya Cruz stood just a few feet away listening the whole time with a smile on his face.

As we look back at the last two years in Bolivia we would have to say that it has been hard. During this time both of Dan's parents and also Mary Sue's dad have passed away. It continues to be hard to be so far away from our kids. But in all of this we see how God uses these difficulties in our lives for His good! We have a deeper relationship with so many of the Bolivians who have experienced personal heartache. We have a mutual understanding and connection with them. Recently, one of our pastors said that he now understands more what it's like for missionaries to be apart from family. His own daughter has been involved in missions in other countries for the past five years.



Dan with Reese

As we write this prayer letter, we want to thank you for your support in sending us to reach people, specifically people in Bolivia, South America. We appreciate your partnership with us, and thank you for allowing us this privilege to work alongside these precious people! In July, we returned to the States for our six-month home assignment. In August, we celebrated the wedding of our daughter Tasha to Travis Hall here in Michigan. We hope to have the opportunity to visit with many of you during our time in the States.

Serving through Christ,
Dan and Mary Sue Reed

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e-mail updates
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*Dan and Mary Sue with
a 94-year-old grandfather*

Please pray:

- as we travel and visit churches and supporters
- for strength and renewal of spirit for Dan and myself
- for Frosty and Cathy Hansen as they continue on with ministries in our absence

Praise:

- for the wonderful wedding of Travis and Tasha
- our Bolivian churches and their active ministries