

¡Saludos!



We have spoken multiple times over the past few months on what to say in a newsletter in response to what has been happening worldwide, so please forgive us for not communicating since Isaiah was born in February. We appreciate you all and thank you again for your faithfulness through very uncertain times.

“To everything there is a season, a time for every purpose under heaven.” —Ecc. 3:1

This chapter in the Bible goes on to give us examples of different seasons we all will endure in one way or another. Are there enough words for any one of us to express clearly what this past year has been like? Whether we liked it or not, or whether we agreed with the restrictions or not; this “situation” has affected each of us in ways we have never experienced before. The cause of it all? We are left with more questions than answers which hopefully prompts our hearts to seek the Father. The only constant comfort is that those of us who serve the Almighty can rest in the PROMISE that He wasn’t or isn’t (ever) caught off guard. EVERYTHING and EVERY season MUST pass through His hands first. We were reminded (yet again) that after all of the dust settles, all of the wickedness is spoken, and the fingers are pointed that He still reigns and possesses ALL

things (Gen. 14:22). It's quite evident that sin is still the root of all of our issues (Psalm 2; Romans 7:23), and we are broken individuals desperately seeking a solution that this world cannot provide.

We are sure many of you could put your lives from the last year on paper and it would be more interesting than ours. Therefore we are extremely humbled and full of gratitude to have brothers/sisters, friends, and family like you all as supporters and to have an opportunity to share what the Father has been up to in Cochabamba, Bolivia. Gracias!

I heard it said before, "life is about staying flexible...mostly in your knees." I do not know if that means more prayer on our knees or doing squats, but for somebody like Sal who was born with the knees of a 75 year old, it sounds painful! But sometimes pain and discomfort are exactly what we need to sift out the evil, the insecurity and arrogance within us (Proverbs 20:30). I think now more than ever in our lifetime, it's all about how we respond. In Philippians 4:10-12, we see that true contentment in WHATEVER state we are is to be learned, not given! For anything to be put in motion it must first be activated and that goes for our faith and the desired state of contentment. When our cups are bumped, what is being spilled out? Is it a bitter liquid that reveals the evil in our hearts, or is it what the Word of life says in Philippians 2:17 about being a drink offering poured out for the sake of others?

We found ourselves asking many questions (as we are very confident you all did as well) with one that cannot escape my mind, "from where or whom do our value and rights actually come from?" We put so much emphasis on the governments of our world to fix our issues while the Creator of the universe, who gives us value, is waiting for us to call upon His name! (Psalm 27). Another one of those questions has been, "what is *ministry* really about?" We went through a very strict quarantine from March 22nd until May 30th, where we were only allowed out of the house one day a week from 7:00 am - 12:00 pm (depending on your identification number), no transport, and constant circulation of police monitoring the streets.

During that strict quarantine Sal was only able to help the homes do food/supply purchases and emergency repairs with a special ID that allowed him to circulate outside of restricted hours. Due to the even stricter guidelines within the foundation, the staff stayed anywhere from two to four straight weeks without leaving the front door! (As of today, with only a few exceptions for medical reasons, the entire population of kids within the foundation has not left their front door since March 22nd!). We have been striving daily to find ways to encourage the kids and the staff through these uncertain times, and one of those has been to send out daily scripture messages to all of the staff. Nothing is more comforting than the eternal words of life! (Deut.30:19 ; Psalm 119:89). With all that



This is a picture of how Sal did most of our shopping during the strict quarantines without transport. Don't worry, there are no kids under the groceries!

being said, “ministry” took on a new life and you all were a part of that without even knowing it! Like most of the world, the shutdown crushed the economy, but in Bolivia like many other underdeveloped countries, the people do not have cash reserves for a “rainy day.” The Bolivian people literally live day-by-day according to their daily wages — no income, no food. As you can imagine, the poverty level rapidly increased. We started to have people knock on our door multiple times a week asking for anything we could spare. Refugees who were sent to make-shift refugee camps without any financial assistance for “safety restrictions” also frequented our neighborhood. We were turning into a local food pantry! And best part about it all was the great opportunity to encourage people in the Lord because so many people are open to listening in difficult times. The “government emergency aid” that was given to most Bolivians totaled some 500 Bolivianos which is less than \$100. So you can imagine the immense need. One of the positive things that came out of



Some of the people we have been helping is a group of single mothers who have received some type of abuse in their past. Here is one of the drop offs for them which you helped with!

the strict restrictions was the chance to get to know our neighbors. We have been able to bless some of our elderly neighbors during this time as well! We thank God because at times we focus on things we cannot control and miss the opportunities to serve hidden in plain sight. Also, we were able to link up with other local ministries and missions’ organizations to help purchase, collect and distribute food and items to those in need; therefore, we owe you all a late and great thank you!

Looking through scripture, the word expressed in English in most translations as “minister, servant or assistant” is translated as ‘sharath’ in Hebrew (Exodus 24:13; Psalm 104:4) which means to wait upon, serve or worship. What better way to express what ministry means than to be a servant waiting upon others while worshipping our Heavenly Father together!?

Once the first quarantine ended, one of the first things we were able to do was request Isaiah’s birth certificate. Unlike in the US, the birth certificate process here is not started in the hospital and mailed to you. We were starting to wonder if he would receive his voter’s registration card before his birth certificate! After several trips to several different



Isa and Terrilyn at the local government office to receive his birth certificate.

offices, we were finally able to get his Bolivian birth certificate. We are now hoping/waiting for the opportunity for the US embassy to come to Cochabamba in order to start his US citizenship paperwork.

Even though there isn't very much movement within the foundation (no school, no church, no doctor visits or the staff changing shifts), there still remains a great amount of work to be done for Sal including: weekly/monthly purchases of food and supplies, many repairs (more time in the homes for the kids means more broken things!),



That's what 450 bananas looks like!



One of the monthly purchases.

and the most important is to minister to the kids and staff on a daily basis which can include a wide range of things! Sal's role continues to fluctuate as needed due to the restrictions within the country and the foundation, but the list of needs stretches greater than the available hours.

While there is no school or church, and kids under 13 aren't allowed in many public venues, Terrilyn has been juggling her every minute at home with our four kids which allows Sal to serve a good part of each day. Please uplift her in prayer, especially since our twin boys, Sal and Moses are turning into two minions conspiring together to take over the world, but luckily Cami ("The Little Boss") helps keep her three little brothers in line!



An immediate prayer request would be that just like the US, Bolivia is in the midst of a pivotal election on October 18th. It has already been postponed two times this year due to protesting and riots. If any of you remember the “conflicts” after the fraudulent elections last year which suspended our return trip to Bolivia in which Ex-President Evo Morales fled the country, you understand the volatile state the country is in so please

keep Bolivia in your prayers as we keep the US in ours. They have already been protesting and blockading for months including transport and food shortage along with garbage truck blockades which lasted for 22 days!

One thing we were able to do before the restrictions started, was to connect with an old friend from the foundation. Benito was adopted out of the foundation almost 2 years ago now and we had the privilege to spend the day with him. It was so humbling to see the favor of the Almighty upon this young man’s life who had no chance (in man’s eyes!) of being adopted! We praise God.

Since Sal does not have a license and would kill himself on a motorcycle, he was able to purchase a bike in which he uses for almost everything (much to Terrilyn’s chagrin!) to avoid blockades and transport restrictions.... and even purchase a baby walker on his back!



Once again, we are thankful and humbled by your continued support and prayer during this time. We really enjoy hearing from you all with prayer requests and life updates in order to stand with you in prayer and stay in touch from so far away.

Thank you and may the Father continue to lead you as you seek Him,

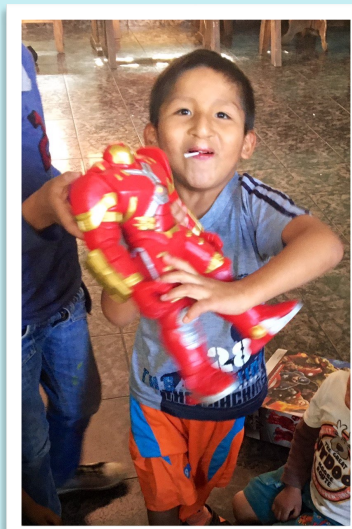
The Pacellas



Cami and some of the kids from the boys' home at a foundation activity

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Upcoming elections on October 18th. (Romans 13)
- One of our favorite kids in the foundation (Isaias – who our Isaiah is named after!) was set to be adopted by a family from Italy right before the global restrictions began. The family is still waiting for entry into Bolivia to take him home with them so please pray that God still allows that to happen!
- Through these uncertain times, the Lord led us to make a new friend named Matilde who has HIV. Her teenage daughter named Wara (who also has HIV) is 7 months pregnant and it has been an exceedingly difficult pregnancy with many risks. But somehow the Father has kept the baby strong! We have tried to be faithful to support them in whatever way we can, so please keep them in your prayers.
- For wisdom as we (just like MANY of you) seek the Father's direction for our ministry. (Deut. 31:6)



Isaias

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