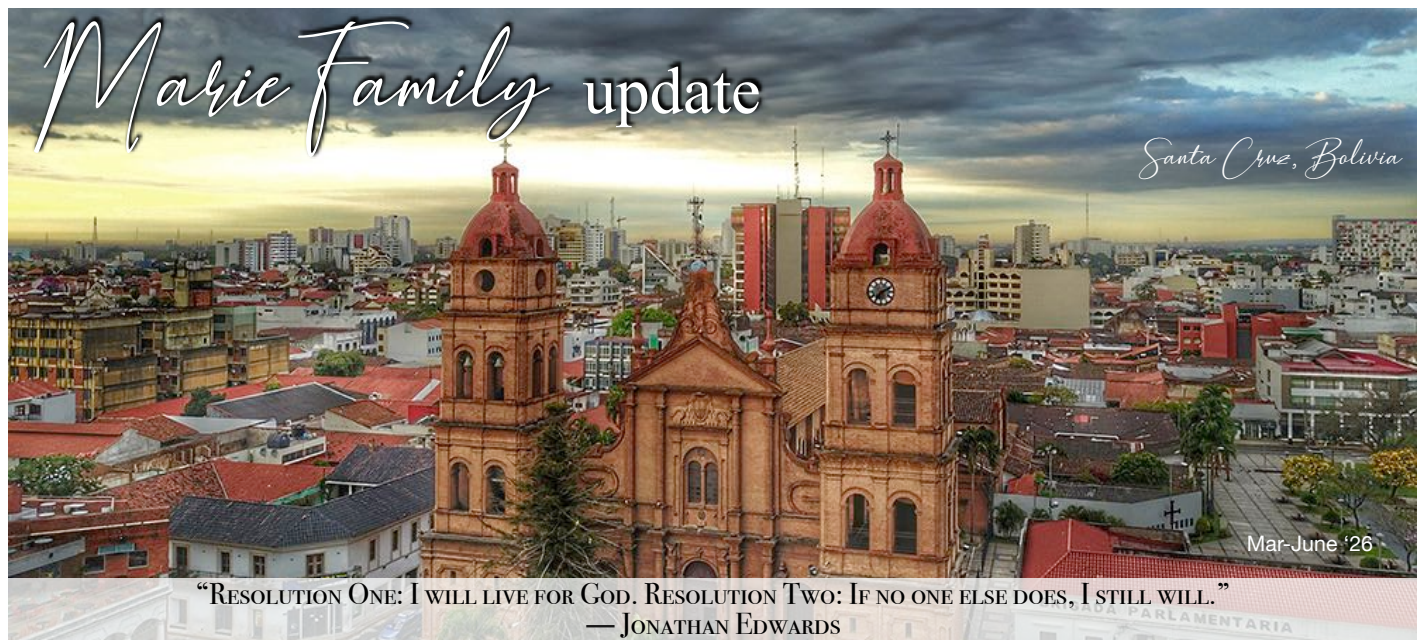




Dear Friends and Supporters,

*"How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace; that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth!" Isaiah 52:7* Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We trust this update finds all of you doing well. Praise God, we are doing very well. We have been back in the states traveling and visiting supporting churches for the last few months. God has blessed us with safe travels so far, which we are thankful for.

The last few months have been very busy. During the month of March we spent a large amount of time prepping for our time in the states. We encountered quite a few small trials during those weeks leading up to our departure. For example, our truck broke down due to the dirty fuel Bolivia has been struggling with over the last year, then our car broke down with the same problem, then our truck broke down a second time, and our truck battery had to be replaced. We were also dealing with renewing our Bolivian ID's, which became complicated and required many visits to immigration. My ID was successfully renewed, but my wife's was not, so we will have to deal with that upon our return. Additionally, our washing machine broke down that month, and our drain in our bathtub got clogged the night before we left for the US and flooded our entire bedroom. These were just some of the extra things happening during the month of March. Thankfully, God gave us the patience to persevere through these mini trials. We still have to fix our plumbing issue when we return to Bolivia in September, and we still have to fix and or replace our washing machine, but we know God will help us take care of everything at that time. There was a lot more going on than just those few things, but we just wanted to highlight some of things happening that month. We aren't mentioning them to complain. We are simply mentioning them to say thank you for your faithful prayers. Those prayers uplifted us each time a new trial was thrown our way.

Mid-March we celebrated our church's 8th anniversary. It was a blessing to see all of the effort put into our special service. My wife worked with the youth to put on a small drama, the church banded together to prepare decorations, food, and invitations, and we had a local pastor come as our special speaker. We had many visitors with close to 90 people in attendance. A week after our anniversary Sunday our family flew to Brazil for our annual field conference. I had the privilege of preaching in a fellow BIMi missionary's church over the weekend. It was such a blessing to take part in a church service with our Christian brothers and sisters in Brazil. The conference was a huge blessing to our family, as it is every year. We are thankful we had the opportunity to attend.



Church Leadership and Families at our 8th Church Anniversary



Luke Preaching in Brazil



Hayley's High School Graduation



Luke and Eduardo

From April until now we have been traveling up and down the east coast visiting supporting churches. We've already covered around 9,000 miles. Each church we have been privileged to visit has been a blessing to us. We look forward to visiting many more over the next two months before returning to Bolivia. A couple of weeks ago our daughter Hayley officially graduated from high school. She was able to participate in a graduation ceremony with other homeschool kids, which was a neat experience. Immediately after graduation we dropped Hayley off at Pensacola Christian College to work the summer leading up to her freshman year. Please keep Hayley in your prayers as she leaves her home in Bolivia behind and adapts to American culture, working a full-time job, etc. We would also appreciate prayers for her older sister Keira who is also working at PCC and will be a junior this fall.

Since returning to the states, I was able to see my gastroenterologist concerning the hiatal hernia that was discovered in Bolivia. Thankfully, he said that surgery was not necessary or recommended despite what the doctor in Bolivia told me. Thank you for praying for my health. While we travel I have been able to stay in touch with my Bible translation team in Bolivia and work with them virtually. They work slower in my absence, but thankfully they are still able to keep the work advancing. From our communication with Pastor Rodolfo, our church in Bolivia is doing well. A young couple in our church named Hernan and Yaquelin recently had a baby boy named Uziel. Please pray for them. I believe we mentioned them in a previous update. They are not married yet. They had planned on holding the wedding before we left for furlough, but it got postponed. Pray that God will convict their hearts to do the right thing. Both made a profession of faith in the past and come to church off and on, but they need to get their hearts right with God.

Please also pray for the young hearing man in our church named Eduardo. In April his mom abandoned his teenage sister to go to Brazil for an undetermined amount of time. Eduardo had to take on the responsibility of caring for her after his mom left. He already works three jobs to put himself through college. Now he has to help pay for all of his sister's living expenses including any school costs. He is very discouraged, but he is still actively serving the Lord. Pray for provision for him and pray for spiritual growth. He is still a young christian. Please also pray for the youth of our church. We have a couple named Carlos and Belen that are filling in from another local church teaching our hearing children's Sunday school class. We have received a lot of positive feedback so far. Pray that God blesses this couple's efforts as they invest in the youth of our church. Pray also that the deaf adults in our church stay faithful and choose God over the distractions and temptations in this ever increasingly wicked world. Pray that Pastor Rodolfo and our deacons would make right choices and guard their hearts, and lastly pray that my family and I would grow spiritually during this time in the states as we visit and report back to our supporting churches.

We have been spending extra time praying this furlough that God would provide us more coworkers. Pastor Rodolfo and our deacons have been a blessing, but our ministry is at the point where it could easily expand if we had help. Many of our children have reached, or almost reached the teen years, and we are praying that God would bring us a hearing man, whether that is a Bolivian, or an American missionary to work with the teens. We could also use a hearing person to interpret our services since my wife is busy with our children's ministry. It has also been our prayer for many years that another hearing person would be burdened to work with us to reach the hearing families of our deaf. Expanding our ministry to include more hearing requires other hearing people who have been trained and have a burden for ministry. We need more help.

Thank you for your love and support, and thank you especially for your prayers!

For the Gospel's Sake,

*Luke & Jessica Marie*