



The Blackburns

Mike and Leslie

Hello from the Blackburns,

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We are enjoying a slight dip in temperature since we are in the fall season now. Waking to 65 degrees is a welcome change for sure, though it hasn't happened often. We are looking forward to our "two weeks of winter" just around the corner.

March was the Department and city elections here. Due to a close race in some areas, there was a run-off election in April. Each election is held on a Sunday and one of the restrictions is "no gatherings." Most churches honor that one. Another restriction is "no driving without special permission." We honor that one and enjoy live-streaming church services in real time from the states. It appears that the conservative citizens of Santa Cruz are happy with their new governor and mayor.

We continue to work with the kid's club on Saturdays. Attendance varies week to week, with an uptick on special days like Día del Niño in March. There are 12 to 16 very faithful boys and girls who we love to see coming each week with their smiles and excitement. There are several moms that come with their babies who are just as faithful. When there is the opportunity, they are separated for their own Bible study time and special meal apart from the children.

The Spanish Bibles that arrived in February are being shipped out to other churches as we become aware of those who need them. You can see here where some have been shipped along with the "why." In most locations, people do not have the extra funds to buy their own Bible.

10 cases to Cochabamba – new church being established

4 cases to Riberalta – supplement two growing churches

2 cases Villa Montes – growing church

1 case to Samaipata – flood last fall swept away all printed materials & church furnishings

2 cases to a local church - replacements because they gave theirs to another local church.

There is an individual in the States who raises money to purchase printed teaching materials. We picked up a truckload of Sunday School curriculum locally to be sorted and packed together as 10 full sets, ranging from primary children up through teenagers, and adult levels as well. Each set is sufficient for a church to teach Sunday School for all ages for years.

By the time you receive this letter, our friends/partners will have arrived back in Bolivia from their time in the US these past few months. Since December, it has been an opportunity for us to be somewhat on our own to conduct parts of the ministry, as well as find our own ways to navigate "life" here. Thank you for your continued support and prayers for us.

Sincerely,

Mike & Leslie Blackburn

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"...with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel;" Philippians 1:27