

Re-Entre:

I have often wondered what it must be like for an astronaut, after being a long time in space, to return to earth. Not only are things very different, having normal gravity etc... but I would imagine it takes several weeks or more to adjust and for things to get somewhat back to normal. Something very similar takes place for missionaries as they go from their home country and culture on the mission field back to their original country, culture, and language. The longer we have been in Bolivia the more we notice this difference and the more it takes to re-adapt to our original surroundings. That is what we have been doing for the past month as we were able to move our things and get set up where we will be living during our furlough. At first we felt a little out of place but have been adapting to everything from culture, driving, and even to the food. It has been wonderful to catchup and spend some time with friends and both our personal family and church family. We have also already started visiting churches to share about the ministry in Bolivia and will be traveling a lot more over the next couple of months. Thank you for praying for us during this transition and we pray it will be a time of great blessing to all.

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During our time here in the US, we have been able to keep in touch with everyone in Bolivia, and even have times counseling and encouraging them as they continue on in the ministry. Both Beth and I are usually speaking with someone a couple of times a week and I have two couples that I am helping with pre-marriage counseling and have been speaking with the pastors on a regular basis. We praise the Lord that, although there are always challenges, we have been hearing about good news from everyone there. There have been several that have accepted Christ at our church in Chiquicollo, even a young man, Daniel, that has been coming almost from the beginning.

New Responsibilities:

One of the opportunities that we will have while on furlough is to teach and work with the students and the *Vision School of Missions* as the Dean of Students. This is a great opportunity to invest in the lives of future missionaries and help prepare them to be successful on the mission field. While we are grateful for all the time that we had studying before going to the mission field, we would have been lost if it hadn't been for other missionaries that invested in our lives to help us understand the hands on and practical part of being missionaries. If you or someone you know is interested in missions I highly recommend *VSM*.

Prayer Requests:

- 1. Pray for us as we begin to travel and share about our ministry in Bolivia that we can be a great blessing.
- 2. Pray for this upcoming semester at the *Vision School of Missions* and the new students that will be attending.
- 3. Pray for the ministry in Bolivia as they continue on in the work of the Lord.
- 4. Pray for Bolivia as they continue to face both economic and political problems.



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