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MISSIONS

# NEWSLETTER

*December 2024*

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Can you believe that we are rapidly approaching the year 2025? As we look back and reflect on our time here in Bolivia in 2024, we can only say that surely God has been with us. We are grateful for His hand of protection over our family, for helping us find favor with people in the community and for His gentle guiding hand every day.

As you will see in this newsletter we have been searching for innovative ways to help the churches here. We are doing our best to be wise stewards of what we've been given. Thank you all for continuing to support our endeavours and for pouring into us as we pour into the community here in Santa Cruz de la Sierra, Bolivia.



*xoxo*  
Brad and Lorinda Litke,  
Tryston, Ariana, Ashton and Easton



## CHILDREN'S SERVICE

Brad and Lorinda were asked to speak and sing at a special children's service this month. Brad spoke about making room for Jesus. He spoke about how Jesus is God with us, but he also wants to dwell within our hearts. At the end, we sang "Make Room" in Spanish and English and Tryston played the drums.

Ashton and Easton helped out at the Children's service by stuffing the bags full of candy and treats for the kids. We are happy that they are learning to be part of the mission!

## DISTRICT SERVICE



We attended a district service this month and were asked to give testimonies. Brad was able to give his testimony completely in Spanish for the first time! When he started speaking in Spanish, several of the pastors exclaimed, "Guau!" (Wow in Spanish)

Here are several of the pastors of district 4 with their spouses. We were all given a special basket for this special service.

(Though it is in December, many of the churches do not celebrate Christmas, so it is called a "Thanksgiving" service.)

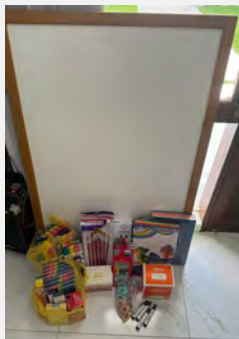


The district service included a short drama and a song in Kitchwa. After the service, the one room church was changed to a dining hall for a lunch of pollo and chancha.

# A SEASON OF GIVING:



"We noticed that the Sunday School at Los Pentecostales de Santa Cruz was sorely lacking in materials, so we asked to see if we could purchase some new items for them. We thought we were doing this obscurely and brought the goods into the back of the church during a service. I had my eyes closed, praying at offering time and Ariana leaned over, poked me and pointed up front. Lo and behold, they had taken all of the materials and made a huge display in the front of the church. They proceeded to give us accolades for giving. Then they prayed over our family and prayed over the Sunday School supplies that children would come to know God while using them. It was a beautiful gesture, and at the same time, I kind of wanted to hide somewhere!



After that we have been slightly more sneaky. Tryston and Ari took a new drum stool in with them to youth service. We also unobtrusively added a pedal to the keyboard before the children's service, since the keyboardist was carting a pedal back and forth from her home every service."

*-Lorinda*



The amount of poverty here is tremendous. There are so many people selling their wares in the streets. We couldn't support all of them if we wanted to, but we do try to buy from some of them when we can. We sometimes give food to beggars in our area. Some of them are dressed in modern clothing and some look like these ladies to the left.

# CHRISTMAS:

We enjoyed Christmas Eve in the Marse's home, along with the Marse family and the Alvis family. We are blessed that the Alvis family has a son near the twins' age and daughters close to Ariana's age. They are super kind and are helping our kids learn Spanish. They enjoyed playing games together and watching the amazing light show all over the city at midnight!

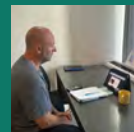


# PIANO CLASS FINALE

*We closed out the first piano class this month with a party. Some of the students performed songs that they have learned to play, we had a test over the material they learned, we handed out certificates and had a fun fiesta! In the new year, we hope to be able to continue training some of the students who want to continue to learn to play for their churches here.*



# Spanish Tutoring



This past month, Brad has increased his time for online tutoring to 4 hours a day. He is working with several different teachers to increase his capacity to communicate in Spanish.

# Coming Up:

Brad will be traveling with Bro. Marse to other parts of Bolivia for meetings with pastors and leaders in the next few months. Please pray for them to have safe travels.

Lorinda has been asked to be the music director for district 4 for the duration of our time here. We are hoping to provide the district with a few music training seminars, which would include a spiritual session, a session to learn new material for their churches and a session for learning music theory for the musicians. Please pray for wisdom and direction as we embark on this new endeavour.

Tryston is returning to the States January 1st! Pray for him for safe travels and as he settles back into life in the States!