

Keeping up with
the Joneses

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MISSIONARIES TO BOLIVIA



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As we began to write this letter, we thought, But what can we write about? We've been locked down in our home since mid-March. All church services have been prohibited, Paul can't travel out to rural areas to teach, the students can't attend the classes at the Bible Institute, the ladies' groups can't gather for Bible studies, etc. What can we possibly share? Then God began to show us the many opportunities that have arisen in these difficult and uncertain times to minister but also opportunities to see how God has been ministering to us through others.

For years Paul has wanted to use the internet to better facilitate ministry in Bolivia, but the lack of computers and WiFi prevented this from becoming reality until now. The need caused by the lockdown has encouraged our brothers to see the usefulness of the internet to be able to continue with ministry. A number of our congregations have been working to maintain contact with their members and to host services online. Services are live as someone in their own home leads the singing, from another home the Scripture text is read, someone else from another location prays, and then from somewhere else the Word of God is preached. Both Kattia and Paul have been invited to teach or preach even though we live on the other side of the country. It's a joy to see our brothers and sisters in Christ connecting from Spain, Argentina, England, and the US to unite with their congregation here in Bolivia. We praise God for the opportunity to see his kingdom march forward even in difficult times.



Being locked down has obviously meant we have opportunities to do some extra things. Kattia has for years wanted to further her Biblical education. Taking advantage of being cooped up in the house, she has been taking online courses to be better prepared for ministry. Paul has been able to work on the reproduction of literature needed for the ministry here in Bolivia. Working with his hands is a great stress reliever for him as well. We have been presented with opportunities to counsel others online, as the pandemic has caused emotional and family problems to surge. So while the way we do ministry has greatly changed, we believe this time is not wasted when it is dedicated in service to our Lord and his kingdom.

This time has also provided us opportunities to see how God so faithfully provides for all our needs. We can honestly say that we have not lacked any good thing. One of the needs we had was to figure out how to help Tabitha with her home school class in Algebra II. This was going to be next to impossible for us, but what is impossible for us, God has a way to make it possible. Tabitha's math teacher from the 8th grade recently moved back to Cochabamba, not to teach at the school but rather with the mission to tutor MKs (missionary kids). Praise the Lord for providing once again.

Finally, one of the great opportunities has been to see how God has provided through our many ministry partners during this challenging time. We know that many sacrifices are being made to take care of us on the field. Our sincere prayer is that God's abundant blessings will be with you to provide for "all your needs according to His riches in Glory." Thank you so much!

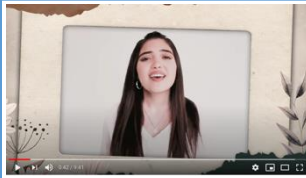

In Christ,

Paul, Kattia, and Tabitha Jones

Tabitha's Corner

My greatest joy is in serving the Lord through music. Recently I was given the opportunity to sing in a Bolivian rendition of "The Blessing". Check it out on YouTube:

La Bendición – Bolivia (The Blessing) – Oficial
<https://youtu.be/NWdd-DfBFKQ>


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