

October 1, 2025
Letter 31**Dear Praying Friends,**

What a month it has been! I was able to go on my **second survey trip to Bolivia**, and it was a night and day difference compared to the first one that took place during the protests and blockades. Though it started rough, the Lord quickly turned it into an amazing time of learning, growth, and blessing. We were able to secure a temporary home, attend services led by national pastors, and even meet an English-speaking Uber driver who lives right near where we'll be staying—an unexpected blessing from the Lord!

God also reminded us that His ways are higher. At customs, my iMac and converter were *confiscated*—not exactly the welcome I had in mind! After some paperwork, head scratching, and of course paying the necessary taxes and fees, we did get them back safe and sound. But in the meantime, a missionary friend witnessed to two customs agents, and both trusted Christ! It took my computer being temporarily held hostage for two souls to be saved—it was worth every Boliviano. Praise the Lord!

*Customs Agents Getting Saved*

Throughout the trip, we met missionaries, visited churches, looked at housing options, exchanged funds, and even carried in nine totes of belongings. I was able to take note of things that will be available to buy once we arrive, which will save us from having to fly in so many extra supplies. I also experienced travel in La Paz to see how the altitude might affect us should God place us in a higher-elevation city.

*Cable Cars in La Paz, Bolivia*

Back in the States, I was blessed to be part of a missions' conference in California. Our focus is on packing, finalizing paperwork, and praying about the right time to purchase tickets. Once we arrive, the first year will be about settling in—setting up home and school, working on residency paperwork, and focusing on language and cultural adjustment so that my family feels safe and stable long term.

Please also keep Zoe in your prayers. She has once again been experiencing digestive issues. Her primary care doctor has recommended that she see a GI specialist, and we are praying this can be resolved before we leave the country.

Regarding the upcoming presidential run-off election, there is much speculation that after the transition, **U.S. citizens may not need to purchase visas at all**. This would be a significant savings and a tremendous answer to prayer.

✦ **Prayer Requests:** upcoming election & visa situation, paperwork and travel plans, health (especially Zoe), and growth in language and culture.

Thank you for praying for us and standing with us. God is already at work, and we're humbled to see His hand guiding each step.

Amor en Cristo,

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