



## **BOLIVIA**

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Bolivian Boot Camp

*Dear Co laborers and Friends,*

*Greetings in Jesus Name once again. I pray that the Lord continues blessing your labor of love and ministry in all that you do for Him! Thank you for your continued prayers and financial support to my ministry in Bolivia.*

*This past August marked 34 years that I have been in Bolivia striving to obey our Lord's command to reach lost souls in the "regions beyond"! Many of you have been supporting our ministry since 1981! We started in La Paz (now a city of over 2.5 million souls) in August 1984. When we began our ministry in La Paz there was only one independent Baptist missionary family there. However now many ecumenical churches have risen up there who do not teach nor preach the whole counsel of God. Many have adulterated the Word of God teaching false doctrine and preaching salvation by works. One major group among the ecumenical churches who once taught eternal salvation by faith have erred from the truth and joined themselves among the ranks who preach "another gospel" (Galatians 1:6,7). This ecumenical movement preaches a works "salvation" and falling from grace. We are definitely under satanic attack in every way. Please pray for the preachers, layman, and churches to remain faithful.*

*I wrote in my last letter (2<sup>nd</sup> quarter 2018) that I needed to come in and get some much needed medical attention. The skin lesions on my arms, hands, and face (caused by the intense sun in La Paz) were once again getting out of control. After being treated by a dermatologist here in Winston-Salem, NC, they look much better. The dermatologist said that if one lesion extended its roots into my blood stream through the skin I could possibly get skin cancer. I praise God that He has kept me from having these lesions to advance into the blood stream! I have been going for treatment for over 20 years now! Then I recently had laser treatments done on both eyes with good results. They did both laser and manual operation on the left eye as the cataract was so bad. I am starting to drive some at night once again. I believe in another month I will be able to see well enough to drive at night with no problem. This has been a great hindrance in my work in Bolivia because some of our churches are so far out of Santa Cruz that it was necessary to drive at night on the return trip.*

*After doing a blood test for tropical diseases my doctor found a problem in me that is chronicle. I have serious bacteria which I probably came in contact with in Bolivia at a hospital where we were visiting a dying elderly lady. She had called for me and the pastor of her church to come and pray with her as she was only days before dying (we had been visiting her for several months). So we went to her and were able to lead her to Christ! What a great joy to see this elderly lady*

*"How shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a Preacher?"*

*Romans 10:14*



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*accept Christ before she died. The part of the hospital that she was in was a ward and was under quarantine. The doctor said the bacteria can only enter the body by contaminated air breathed into the lungs. I am not contagious because the bacteria germ is inactive. The treatment last for 6 months and I have to go for blood checks regularly. The medicine I take once a day will help keep the bacteria under control as well as give my body a chance to build up my immune defense. The blood checks are a vital part of the treatment as it will reflect the progress of the treatment as well as monitor any side effects on the kidneys. My doctor said that after the treatment my immune system should be strong enough and the bacterial infection low enough that I would not need any further attention! Please pray!*

*I have been staying in touch with the pastors and laymen of the churches there in Bolivia by email and phone. Brother Roberto Soliz is the attending pastor of Emmanuel Baptist Church (Santa Cruz), Brother Jose Toro is our missionary/evangelist overseeing the two rural churches in the Guarani communities south of Santa Cruz, and Brother David Torrico, who is now ordained, is pastor of Glory of God Baptist Church in Santa Cruz. These churches seemed to be well grounded and rooted in the Word of God! I have not heard anything negative about any of these churches! Starr of Bethlehem Baptist Church (where Brother Jose Toro is working) still has no pastor. Please pray for the churches and their leaders!*

*Starting in November I will be available for meetings. I would really like to visit all of my supporting churches if time permits. My mailing address is:*

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*May God richly bless each one and meet every need!*

*In Christ great love,*

*Brother Mike Overton*  
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