



# James Update

# BOLIVIA

October 2011

**Pastors Conferences** In September we held 3 conferences with 530 church leaders in attendance in the cities of La Paz, Santa Cruz and Cochabamba. In La Paz pastor Jonathan Holmes from Parkside Church gave training in Biblical Counseling using the material "How People Change". In Santa Cruz and Cochabamba Dr Roger Smalling (pastor, missionary) taught on the topic of Biblical Leadership. Many expressed how the study of God's Word during these days helped place tools in their hands for effective ministry.

**Our Purpose** is to help the church and church leaders in Latin America honor Christ by being true to His Scriptures

### Please Pray

- **ESI (Equipping Servants)** participants in Bolivia, Mexico & Ecuador
- **15 PAs (Pastoral Assistants)** in training in Bolivia — a 2 year program designed to place pastors in churches around Bolivia, and to develop ESI Expansion around Latin America.
- **ESI Expansion** working to establish ESI in 5 new Latin American countries in 5 years. Tomas & Nancy Diaz are now in Ecuador. Pray for guidance as we seek to start ESI in Huánuco, Peru in 2013.



Pastor Jonathan Holmes in La Paz

Pastors in La Paz Conference

Cochabamba Conference

Dr Roger Smalling in Cochabamba

**ESI (Equipping Servants) Update** Currently we have 628 active participants in Bolivia and Mexico. We continue to hear many encouraging reports from pastors and church leaders expressing how their study in Romans is helping them learn to honor Christ by being true to His Scriptures. Tomas and Nancy Diaz report that they have settled into life in Loja, Ecuador, and are getting to know churches and pastors in that region. Pray as they plan to start 2 new ESI groups in January.

Thank you for praying for us and the work here in Bolivia!

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- **Our family:** Sami & Heather Ross are involved in ministry in Santa Cruz, Bolivia; Katie is working in nursing at the Cleveland Clinic, Andrew & Angie James are working with Samaritan's Purse in Bolivia.