

## James Update

# **BOLIVIA**

**June 2014** 

## Franco Family to Paraguay for ESI Expansion

We are taking steps to send Jose and Martha Franco and their children (Noelia and Rodrigo) to Villarrica, Paraguay to begin ESI in January 2015. Jose has been a PA (Pastoral Assistant) training in the ILC Church since 2009. They will study the Guarani language the first 12 months before moving to Villarrica to develop ESI. Please pray for all that is before them.



#### ILC Church in La Paz

The church we planted, now under the leadership of pastor Pepe Rocha and Bolivian elders, has been experiencing tremendous growth. We are packed out every Sunday. The elders recently decided to begin 2 morning services starting in August.

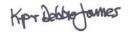
### Unexpected Opportunities for Christ

Last week I was in one of those miserable situations where I had to obtain a legal document in Bolivia — the only way to do that was to stand in a VERY LONG line! Arriving at 7:30am, and was already number 113 in line. By 4:30pm they had advanced only to #75. I was still planning to wait it out, but the doors closed because of computer failure. Figuring the Lord had some plan in mind, I resisted the temptation to get overly annoyed. I arrived the next morning at 5:00am, now number 19 in line!! Next to me were three young men studying to enter the Roman Catholic priesthood. A captive audience until we obtained our documents at 11am, I struck up a friendship with them and was able to explain from the Scriptures about why Jesus came to die in our place, and about God's amazing gift of free grace in Christ. They had never read the Bible, and never heard this truth. A divine encounter! God always has a reason!!

### Third Grandchild born in May!!

Zack James was born to Andrew and Angie on May 29. He is doing well, and Angie is home recovering from the C-Section. I'll send a photo soon!!

Kep and Debbie James



#### **Our Purpose**

Helping local church leaders in Latin America honor Christ by being true to His Scriptures to strengthen the Church & reach the lost

#### **Please Pray**

- ESI (Equipping Servants pastoral training process)—that the 850 active participants & 850 graduates since we began in 2002 will understand the sufficiency of Christ & His Word thinking, living, serving & teaching Biblically to reach the lost.
- 13 Pastoral Assistants: intensive 2 year volunteer training to strengthen the church in Bolivia & provide leaders for ESI Expansion in Latin America.
- ESI Expansion: we hope to establish ESI in 5 new Latin American countries in the next 5 years Paraguay, Argentina, Uruguay, Colombia, Venezuela. Pray for God's leading and provision.
- Family: Sami & Heather are in La Paz developing a counseling ministry. Katie is a nurse in Cleveland. Andrew works with Samaritans Purse in Bolivia training pastors, as he finishes his MA in theology; Angie & their 3 children are well.