



James Update

BOLIVIA

January 2014

Christmas outreach

December was very full of encouraging evidences of God's grace working in the lives of many in Bolivia. Our ILC church organized a Christmas gift project for 100 children in one of the marginal communities around La Paz, where we were able to show the love of Jesus. Lucho Kama explained why Jesus came to earth — that He was born to save us from our sins by His life and death.



New believers baptized

In mid-December I had the joy of baptizing 11 people at ILC. The photo below shows me with 7 members of one family after they were baptized. They had been involved at a weekly discussion in a religious group for several years. Recognizing that it was low on Bible-content, every week they would take the study guide home and look at the verses listed in the footnotes. It was through their own study of God's Word that their hearts and minds were opened to their need for Christ's forgivingness and grace. A growing concern over doctrinal and practical errors of this group led them to leave and look for a church that was serious about teaching and living the Scriptures. In time God led them to our church. Under the constant study of the Word on Sundays and in their homes, God led them to faith in Christ. One Sunday they came to me after church and said, "We believe God wants us to be baptized"!! Its been so encouraging seeing evidences of God's grace in their lives.



Please note that our mailing list has changed:

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God's best to you in the new year

Thank you again for your partnership in the gospel with us in Latin America as you pray for God to open the hearts and minds of unbelieving people to faith in Christ, and to grow believers and church leaders to make Jesus the center of their lives.

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Our Purpose

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

Please Pray

- **ESI (Equipping Servants pastoral training process)**—that the 800 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.
- **11 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, Chile, Uruguay, and Colombia or Venezuela
- **Family:** Sami & Heather are moving to La Paz to develop a counseling ministry. Katie is a nurse in Cleveland. Andrew works with Samaritans Purse in Bolivia training pastors, & is finishing up his MA in theology; Angie & their 2 girls (Nicole age 3, & Camille 1 year old) are well.