



## Equipping Servants... disciples making disciples

**May 1, 2020**

Hello from La Paz! Thank you for praying for us and our ministry in Bolivia. As in the case of other countries around the world, Bolivia enforced a nationwide lockdown mid-March in an effort to slow the growth of COVID-19. We can leave our apartment only once a week by foot for a few hours to purchase food. Thankfully we have a small walled-patio that allows us to exercise. Bolivia's quarantine has been extended through the end of May, but will likely go longer. Many are fearful of sickness and death as the pandemic expands daily in this country.

This fear has led to a sudden openness on the part of many to talk about the Lord. We are busy by phone and internet explaining the gospel and pointing people to Jesus -- also encouraging, counseling and discipling believers in our church. As with the rest of the church around the world, we have had to figure out how to teach and preach in this situation, and are thankful for online tools. Most Equipping Servants (ESI) groups in the 15 countries where we work meet by ZOOM or Google Classroom. We cancelled our ESI Facilitator Training in Virginia and in Mozambique in May, and are waiting to re-program those events.

Would you pray with us:

- that many in Bolivia would come to faith in Christ
- after 6 weeks of no work, many families in Bolivia suffer from a lack of food. Pray that the Lord will guide us and our church trying to help the most needy
- that the Lord will continue to build a mature church and believers in Bolivia
- that the Lord will use ESI as people study Romans to build their lives and churches on the foundation of Jesus and His gospel

Partners in the Gospel with you,

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