



## Equipping Servants to Disciple and Evangelize

April 2020 Update

Hello from Bolivia!

We trust you are well during these difficult days. How good it is to remember God's promise to us in Psalm46:

"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling. There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High. God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved; God will help her when morning dawns.... The Lord of hosts is with us... Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth! The Lord of hosts is with us; the God is Jacob is our fortress." (ESV)

In mid-March the Bolivian government called for a shelter-in-place order to avoid the spread of CoVid19, and on March 22 enforced this lockdown with fines and jail time. We are allowed to leave our apartment on only Monday mornings, and only to purchase food. Forced to not meet as a church, we are meeting online. In addition, we changed our plan to launch Equipping Servants (ESI) pastoral training in the USA and Mozambique. We hope to do this later this year. Meanwhile Debbie and I continue our ministry from the confines of our home. Many of the ESI groups in the 14 countries where we are engaged in mutual discipleship continue to meet by Zoom. Amidst the fear of sickness and death, we pray that the Lord will use His church to be the Salt and Light of Jesus in a world that desperately needs Jesus!

- Pray as we continue sharing Christ with many people in La Paz, that they will come to faith in Christ.
- Pray for those we disciple, that the Lord will continue to help them center their thinking and lives in the gospel.
- Pray for the many pastors and church leaders we work with around Latin America. Pray that they will be faithful to Jesus and effective in mobilizing their churches in the gospel.
- Pray for our daughter Katie nursing CoVid19 patients in Cleveland.

You are in our thoughts and prayers. Thank you for praying for us and our ministry,

Kep and Debbie