

July 2020 Update

Hello from Bolivia! We are praying for you, and truly are thankful for your prayers! I'm sure we're all facing similar challenges. For us in Bolivia, today marks day 110 of lockdown. We never imagined it would last this long when it began in March! The Bolivian government last week modified quarantine measures to allow us 2 days each week to leave our houses instead of just one!!

Thank you for praying for our friend Pastor Tito Montero. He's finally back home and slowly recovering after struggling for his life. Across Bolivia intensive care beds are full; every day we hear pleas from people looking for plasma, oxygen tanks, and prayers; many we know are sick and several have died. In some places morgues are overwhelmed. Many are anxious about how to put food on the table after months being required to close their businesses. Please pray for our friends Rosa (widow), Ninoska (single mom), and Carlos to find work and for God's provision.

Please pray for our close friends in La Paz Pablo and Karen. Pablo is the lawyer who has helped us so much. He is a leader in our church. Yesterday he went to the hospital with symptoms of Covid, but they were out of tests. Karen has similar symptoms, and they have 3 very small children – we're concerned for them. Also, pray for our friends Daniel and Anita. Daniel's cancer treatment was stopped two weeks ago, and his doctors switched him to pain management only. They give him only days to live. Please pray for his peaceful transition to heaven, and strength for Anita caring for a dying husband and newborn baby.

Our days are full -- teaching the Bible, helping, encouraging, praying for people around us. Debbie meets every day with many women via phone and Zoom to disciple and explain the gospel. Half of our ESI (Equipping Servants) groups in 15 countries continue meeting via Zoom. The other half for lack of internet wait until they can resume meeting physically. The 4 new ESI groups in Guatemala plan to launch in August. We have not set new dates for the ESI Facilitator Trainings we had to cancel in the USA in Spanish and Mozambique in Portuguese, but hope to do those soon.

We thank the Lord for your partnership with us in the gospel, Kep and Debbie James

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