



## Equipping Servants... disciples making disciples

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Hello from La Paz! Thank you for praying for us and our ministry in Bolivia. After 10 weeks of absolute quarantine, yesterday the Bolivian government lifted its lock-down, allowing people to be out and about on week-days, even to drive. This does NOT mean Covid-19 has peaked and is dropping. It continues growing in Bolivia at an astonishing rate of 6-10% per day. Many remain fearful of sickness and death. As you can imagine, this gives us and our ILC Church ministry team daily opportunities to point unbelieving people to Jesus and to encourage believers to remain strong in the Lord – who is our ultimate hope!

We probably will need to delay gathering as a church until after summer. But we remain active meeting via internet. Also, our Equipping Servants-Disciples Making Disciples (ESI) groups in 15 countries continue strong. About half the groups (ones who have internet-access) meet weekly. We hope to re-schedule our ESI Facilitator Trainings in Virginia and Mozambique for later this year.

An encouraging word from David Brainerd's journal I recently finished reading: "I was full of concern today as I preached to persuade unbelieving people, that it is God's work alone to convince them. I saw so clearly that in myself, I could never persuade them of their need for Jesus, because spiritually it was like speaking to dry bones. If they are to understand/ believe, that work is God's alone. If anything of eternal value is done here, the glory will be God's alone." (paraphrase)

Would you pray with us ...?

- that many in Bolivia will come to faith in Christ
- many families in Bolivia are suffering from lack of food after 10 weeks of inability to work due to the quarantine; pray that the Lord will guide us and our church to know how best to help
- that the Lord will grow a mature church and believers in Bolivia and across Latin America
- that the Lord will use ESI to build servants for the gospel and a mature church in many nations

Partnering in the Gospel with you,

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