

Reaching Children in Bolivia



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So much has happened in the last six months! First of all, by the grace of God I made it through a very difficult pregnancy, and our baby Grace Dorothy Melgar Trotman was born healthy on July 5th, 2018, weighing approximately 8 lbs 6 oz. We enjoy her very much, and Janessa and Timothy are so good with her. We are back into homeschooling, and Grace tries to outdo me by “talking” louder than I read. We also had a short term missions team come which you will hear more about in their accompanying letter. The group also brought with them my mother! It was so lovely to spend almost 2 weeks with her... and our house was filled with laughter and giggles between grandma and grandchildren! Pray for Janessa and I as we are having problems with arthritis due to the chicungunya we had almost three years ago.

Easter weekend we held an evangelistic meeting with a drama and a film. Praise the Lord, we had the privilege of counselling Gabriela, a mother of three girls, for salvation! In August I was also able to lead her sister Rosario to the Lord! Her sister Claribel is also interested but is not ready to make a decision yet. Pray for her and her mother Theresa. Theresa is the oldest of ten siblings, six of whom have come to know the Lord over the last three years as did her father before he passed away. She is very negative towards Christianity, but her family is praying for her.

Praise the Lord, in July Janessa and Timothy expressed interest in baptism, so Jose had the honour of baptizing two of his children on August 26, with my mother there to see it. What a blessing! Together with our children, eleven year old Nayara and fifteen year old Ninosca (who recently came to know Jesus as her Saviour) were baptized. Gabriela and Rosario asked the fathers of their children to marry them so they could get their lives right with God and be baptized... Rosario’s “husband” agreed so she was also baptized. (See picture of 5 candidates at bottom of next page). Pray for Gabriela who is praying that her “husband” will change his mind.



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The first house for the orphanage is finished, and the water plant is nearly finished. The water filters are on their way from Cochabamba and will be installed next week. After that, construction will stop until the funding comes in for the second house and central kitchen. Please pray that the funding comes in soon so that we will be able to finish the first phase of the orphanage and have it functioning in the new year.

Praise the Lord we have the first parents for the orphanage. Ruben Flores is an old friend of ours who lived with Jose and served with him in our church in Cochabamba. He and his wife Patricia have joined us already. Pray for wisdom for them in disciplining and raising their own two children as well as the children who will be coming to the home. Pray for another Godly couple for the second house.

Our 4x4 vehicle was finally repaired and Jose and the children have made a few visits to the Machineiri and surrounding villages, hopefully I will be able to accompany them next time. They would like someone who could teach them God's word at least once a week. But unfortunately the vehicle recently "died". It is not worth the money it would cost to get it running again, and there is not currently any money for a new vehicle. Pray for wisdom and God's provision. With only our small car, trips to the jungle are difficult and very limited, but also with only one vehicle if Jose is in the city and I have an emergency I have no way to get my children into the city.

Thank you so much for being a part of our ministry. Your prayers and support are so important to us. May God bless you richly.

In His service,

Jose, April, Janessa, Timothy and Grace Melgar

"O give thanks to the Lord of lords: for his mercy endureth forever."

Psalm 136:3

