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Great Orientation:

This past month, we had a great time meeting with the other missionaries that are here in the US for our mission's orientation. This is something that we are able to be part of every furlough and is always a great encouragement. This year, a lot of the focus was on dealing with discouragement and how to stick it out on the mission field. As a missionary, I can attest that there are many times that discouragement can take its toll if not kept in check. I was able to speak about balancing expectation vs. reality and also how to keep your family spiritually healthy on the mission field. I was able to bring out how our expectations start with the understanding of our acceptance by the Lord and that He loves us no matter what the results are. (1 Cor. 4:1-5) Instead of this causing complacency, I have seen that His love is the greatest motivator. We also looked at how it's the trials and testing that come our way that affect us most in our spiritual health. (Jam. 1:2-11) We were able to see how our attitude towards the problem and trust in the Lord during the problem makes the biggest difference. I can honestly say that the teaching, fellowship, and encouragement during this year's orientation truly recharged our spiritual batteries to continue on serving the Lord and not let anything get in the way.

Exciting Future:

Now that we are closing in on the time for our return to Bolivia, we are excited to think about the next steps for the ministry there. In our first few years as missionaries, it really seemed like things went very slowly and required much patience. Although there are still struggles and setbacks from time to time, things are moving much more quickly, and we are constantly looking into the future to see what the next step is. The difference between then and now is having men in the pipeline, preparing, and some even ready now to start new ministries. At this time, we are beginning to make plans for our next church plant and have a couple of families that are in the last stages of their preparation also. We are trusting the Lord that in the near future we will see much fruit and that the Lord will use these families greatly.

Renewed Focus:

While teaching on Church Planting / Leader Training this semester at the Vision School of Missions, I can say that the Lord has used it to renew my focus on the importance of discipleship and investing in the lives of others. This is not something that is only done on the mission field but can and will truly make a difference both in your life and impacting the world with the gospel. We are all called to reach the world, make disciples, and invest in the spiritual lives of others. If you don't have someone you are investing in, you can today.

Prayer Requests:

1. Pray for the great need for laborers around the world and that the Lord will call forth those laborers.
2. Pray for a revival in our churches towards missions and reaching the world with the gospel.
3. Pray that the Lord will guide and open the doors as we prepare for our next church plant.
4. Pray that the Lord will continue to protect us both physically and spiritually as we serve Him.



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