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Location: Bolivia

What we do: Partnering with the local church to strengthen its missional outreach to schools, residents and businesses.

Dear all,

"So don't worry about these things, saying, 'What will we eat? What will we drink? What will we wear?' These things dominate the thoughts of unbelievers, but your heavenly Father already knows all your needs. Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need.

Matthew 6: 31–33 (NLT)

Greetings from chilly Bolivia! As you in the northern hemisphere head with great expectation into summer, we in the southern hemisphere head into winter; temperatures in the tropical lowlands of Santa Cruz can drop as low as 2–3 degrees overnight, a great shock to the system when one is more accustomed to temps of 35+ degrees! Layers of clothing serve as central heating. Thankfully, winters here are short lived!

In our last link letter, we mentioned our unexpected house move and asked you to join us in prayer, specifically for a home in a safe neighbourhood. It became a time of worry for us, but God's Word and his promise through Jesus in Matthew 6:31–33 helped us turn to God, and turn away from worry.



Jenny, Carlos, Andrew and Richard in small group prayer at the recent lunch.

Don't worry about food, drink, clothes (in our recent situation, I added "home" to the list), but seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need. I can't say I did not worry at all, but I can say how grateful we are for your prayers and for Jesus' wonderful promise that when we put the Kingdom of God first, rather than worry more for the things of this world, our Father in heaven will **provide** for our **needs**. Recently we moved into a new house, in a lovely and safe neighbourhood – he knew exactly what we needed! Although the move was not an easy one, (are they ever?) in many ways, after the last three years it feels like a fresh start, full of opportunity.

Thank you for your prayers for our friends Raúl and Rosario who have recently completed the F4 (financial freedom for families) course, led by Andrew. (This is the course we have translated and adapted from CMS-Africa.) Raúl and Rosario have given us great cultural insight, integral to the course's contextual relevance and sustainability. We aim for the course to be offered in late September to microfinance partners and parents at a local school in our church community. Please continue to pray for Raúl and Rosario as they faithfully step out and partner with us to lead this course.

Over the last few months, we've witnessed the Lord's provision in a multitude of ways as we seek him and share his Kingdom with the leading of the Holy Spirit.

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Our microfinance partners Richard and Jenny, who own and operate public toilets in the heart of the city, continue to reach out to many young people living on the edge of society and the streets of Santa Cruz, where Jenny and Richard used to live. In this context, they serve a free lunch once a month, which fills a physical and spiritual hunger that street life doesn't offer: a decent meal, and a space to be listened to, receive God's love and Word and be prayed for. At one recent lunch, I was



impacted by a conversation I had with a young man called Carlos, who spoke about Jesus with me, then admitted, through tears, that although he believes Jesus loves and died for him, his current way of living does not reflect that belief. Our conversation was interrupted so I ask you to pray for Carlos to strike up a conversation with his Lord and Saviour that would inspire and encourage him to seek the abundant life Jesus has for him.

Richard and Jenny just rented public bathrooms in two new locations, providing jobs for two women in desperate need of work. One of the women, Eliana, a single mother of five, is a new microfinance partner with us and is about to start running a small public toilet as well as a mobile business selling basic cleaning and personal items. Our microfinance ministry was able to fund the making of her new mobile cart, which she designed. Watch this space for more of her story, and in the

meantime, please join us in prayer for Eliana and family. She is excited to run her own business, yet quite nervous. Pray for confidence and wisdom as she steps into something completely new. We pray that she would not worry, but rather seek the Lord's Kingdom and trust he will provide. We are so happy for her, thankful for the opportunity to invest in her both spiritually and financially.

As a family we are enjoying our new home and community; taking long walks, cycling and meeting our neighbours. Our church recently held Easter Sunday service in the community hall in our neighbourhood. Our daughter, Anayah, along with Raúl and Rosario's daughter Sarita, was baptised – it was a glorious day celebrating new life in Christ! Currently, our girls are revising for their end of school year exams while we all prepare to travel to the UK for our first furlough. By the time this letter hits the public sphere, we will be in the UK, where we look forward to reconnecting and spending time with all of you: our family, friends, link churches and CMS colleagues

Thank you so much for your continued support. As our partners in mission, we hope you are encouraged to hear how the Lord is providing for us and others like Raúl, Rosario, Richard, Jenny, Carlos and Eliana as we intentionally seek the Lord's Kingdom above all else, sharing the redemptive love of Jesus in Bolivia.

Bendiciones en Cristo,

Andrew, Lisa, Liliana and Anayah x





Photos from top to bottom: Our church small life group (conexión viva) lunch on Pentecost Sunday; Eliana with her new mobile cart; Raúl, Rosario and family with the Peart family at the Easter Sunday and baptism service; Anayah's baptism with Pastor Franklin and Andrew.



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