



# The Hollis Family to Bolivia

Reaching Bolivia with the Gospel of Christ !!

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Dear Supporting Churches,

Greetings from Bolivia. As it says in Proverbs 25:25, we hope to bring you good news from a far country. We arrived safely in Tarija. Our first day here, two lady missionaries took Jennifer and Ann Marie to the “Feria” or outdoor market and they happened upon a grand opening of a new, indoor market in which the president was inaugurating and was able to see the president of Bolivia in person. He passed within ten feet of them. We are working to get our house set up with all the basic necessities. It is coming along well.

Shopping has been a learning experience. Here, there is no Wal-mart. You have to visit the butcher for meat, the outdoor street vendors for eggs and vegetables, and small grocery stores for shelf stable products and dairy items. We have not officially begun language school yet, but we have learned quite a few important Spanish terms that are good to know. “Cuanto sale” means how much does something cost to buy. That one has been very useful. “Rico” means rich but is used here to say something is delicious.

We have been able to take part in a married couples’ Bible study, an English Bible study, and three different churches’ services. It has been a blessing to see God work in the lives of the people here. A 75-year-old woman who had never been to church accepted Christ as her Savior after I preached at a one-month old church plant one Sunday night. We pray that we will be able to reach more people for Christ in the future.

Our visa applications have kept us busy. We had to get three different local background checks and one interpol background check, not to mention the medical evaluations and countless trips to the banks to pay for these things. It has been a long ordeal, but our immigration papers are now in process for our three-year residency visas.

Please be in prayers for the country and its presidential elections. A “paro” is a blockade of the roads and means you need to stock up on food and get ready to walk everywhere. The paro that was supposed to happen before the elections ended up not happening until after the elections. The people of Bolivia are not satisfied with the way the election process is being carried out and it is causing turmoil and unrest. Buildings are being burned and people are being injured. As mentioned before, there are countless roadblocks. Although these things are inconvenient, our personal safety has not yet been threatened.

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