



*Blessed to be a
Blessing in
La Paz, Bolivia*

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By far, this has been the most relaxed and restful time we have ever spent in the USA. In the past, with all the visiting, travels and keeping appointments, it's not exactly the "vacation" that many in Bolivia believe we take when we travel. This time has been different in that we have basically settled into just one place, and what a blessing that has been!



wooden deck, repairing a badly damaged chain link fence, "twice", due to large fallen tree limbs, as well as some electrical and car repairs. There is a nice walking path in the neighborhood which provides a great opportunity to get some fresh air, exercise and some peaceful quiet time before our return to the busy city of La Paz.

So, this visit has been more for us. As selfish as that may be, these last few years in Bolivia have been quite draining with all the political turmoil, daily news of corruption, violence, abuse of power, and crime. And then there are the frequent demonstrations in the streets where angry protesters block the roads. This 21st century socialism has divided the country, putting citizens against one another. It also makes the future uncertain for business and job opportunities. Our hearts go out to the youth trying to figure out what to study and prepare for when employment is not based so much on merits as it is political affiliation. Diligence and hard work are seldom rewarded. It is not clear as to what their position will be on religious freedom. Sadly to say, the vaccination process has been very slow, so advances against the virus are not evident. The only vaccines available are Russian and Chinese.

Our time in the USA is coming to an end soon. Here in Indiana, Miriam and I were both able to get vaccinated, which is a wonderful luxury. Thanks to technology, our Sunday meetings and home group responsibilities have continued without fail. I have been busy working on home improvements, like restoring a weathered

During the last week of this visit we will see Steve and Olivia, this time in Pennsylvania, to help them move into their new home. I get to do the installation for their electric dryer, a task that I enjoy.

All in all, this has been a much-needed time out. We greatly appreciate the understanding of our supporters and family for the fact that we have not gotten around and have been somewhat silent. The quiet has been nice for some deep and long heart searching together with the Lord about our role in His plans for His church.

It has been a major blessing to have had this time with our boys, daughter-in-laws and grandson. We are grateful to the Lord for the opportunity to serve in Bolivia and for all those who have helped us along the way and continue to help us through prayer and financial support.



May He Bless you all abundantly!

Bruce & Miriam