Preparation from Afar:

Although we are far from the people and ministry in Bolivia, at this time, we are still very involved in some of the activities and helping in the new church. One of the things that I have continued to do is help the men in preparing some of the messages that will be preached. Our focus is to emphasize and teach the men we are training about expository preaching because we believe the Bible has power to change lives; if it is preached with it's main purpose and context. For many years, we have been preaching through books of the Bible and even though I have messages prepared, I always try to study through a new book to not loose practice. So, while here, I am still helping prepare the messages for our study of Proverbs and Matthew. I use this time not only for myself but to help the guys learn more about how to prepare and preach expository messages. It is truly amazing to see how God's message can be so appropriate and helpful even before we ever preach it. The last message I prepared was from Judas's betrayal and about how we often don't think about the consequences of our decisions until it is too late. Please pray for the churches and men as they preach the word of God to the lost and dying.

Don't Miss the Opportunity:

One of the blessings that we have, as we travel around and visit churches, is to try and be an encouragement to them and motivate others to get involved in World Evangelism. We earnestly believe that every one of us has been called to help get the gospel to the world, it is just a matter of where and how. Missions starts with us personally as we reach those around us by not only evangelizing but then investing in their lives; so that they can do the same with someone else. As we reach people that reach others, we will begin to see a greater impact starting close to us and then reaching out around the world. We can also get involved by praying and giving to help others go where we can't. So if we all were to start making disciples, praying, and giving to missions we could make great strides and reaching more and more with the gospel.

Will You Pay the Cost:

I was recently challenged, while visiting a supporting church, about the importance of helping others count the cost to be a disciple. One of the greatest things lacking today is the need for true disciples of Christ. Even in Bolivia we often "disciple" someone yet there is little change in their lives after. The key is to start with the explanation of what it costs to be a disciple and being willing to pay that cost. If not, we will too often not see the person grow into a true disciple or disciple maker. Maybe you see in your own life a lack of surrender and dedication, or the same in those you disciple, but you can count the cost today and be a true disciple.

Prayer Requests:

- 1. Pray for the churches and pastors in Bolivia as they preach the word.
- 2. Pray for those preparing for the ministry in Bolivia.
- 3. Pray for the economy in Bolivia and upcoming elections.
- 4. Pray for upcoming meetings that we will encourage others to get involved in World Evangelism.



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