



A new generation has risen to the leadership of our churches in Bolivia!

What we saw as a long-term plan has suddenly and amazingly materialized over the past six months with the election of young professionals to key leadership roles in the Misión Evangélica Bethesda (MEB). We have been so encouraged by their fresh vision and spiritual maturity and would like to encourage you to pray for them and the challenges they face.

MEB Leadership

In January Darwing Rivero (33) assumed the presidency of the MEB, a volunteer position. He is a visionary and has a heart to serve the Lord through missions. He and his wife, Lulú, have degrees in advanced English and served as translators earlier this year during Pastor Craig Apel's seminar on a life of integrity through intimacy with Christ.

Prayer: Our churches near La Paz are struggling. With Darwing we are forming a plan for MEB leaders and GMI missionaries to travel once per month to train a group of eight young adults.

Guillermo Choquebarra (28) is the new president of the board which oversees the health and activities of the churches in the Santa Cruz area. We have been blessed to see Guillermo develop as a servant-leader as he has grown into this new role. He and Frosty meet regularly for accountability and to discuss ministry needs.

Prayer: Wisdom for Guillermo as four of the 11 churches are currently without pastors.

Centro Bíblico de la Gracia

Our return to Bolivia was in response to the request of the MEB for assistance in establishing an effective training program. This year the Centro Bíblico de la Gracia began operation with a full schedule, currently offering the fourth of nine month-long modules.

Miguel Méndez (31), a medical doctor and associate pastor, serves as president of the board of the Centro Bíblico de la Gracia. In June, he will lead us in an analysis of our initial modules with an eye toward making needed adjustments as we add courses for a four-year program.



MEB president Darwing Rivero and Pastor Craig Apel



Frosty with Guillermo Choquebarra, responsible for Santa Cruz churches



Dr. Miguel Méndez, president of Centro Bíblico de la Gracia



*Frosty teaching young professionals
at La Gracia Church*



*Cathy with new GMI missionary
Lilibeth Ortega*



*With our GMI missionary teammates –
Talo, Patty and Lucas Vergara*

Prayer: Miguel and our board as we analyze and develop plans for the future.

Sunday School Seminar

The young professionals at La Gracia Church had a number of questions about theology, so Frosty was asked to teach a Sunday morning class on how to understand the Bible. What a blast! It's an engaging group of about 30 young adults who are eager to discuss Scripture.

Following a recent session, four young women approached Cathy with a request: Would she be willing to prepare them to mentor girls and other women in their church? They set May 13 for their first study together as Cathy equips them through a study of the qualities of godly women.

Prayer: As we study biblical truth, that it will be applied to life and shared with others.

GMI Missionaries

For many years, Lilibeth Ortega (31) has held a special place in our hearts. For years we have seen her passion to serve Christ through missions and have prayed for the Lord's leading. So it was a personal thrill for us when she was officially accepted as a GMI missionary to Nicaragua – the first full-time missionary to come from our Bolivian churches.

You can find out more about Lily, her testimony, and her future ministry by visiting the GMI website at www.gracem.org/lilibeth-ortega/.

Prayer: Lily will soon present her ministry in our churches in Bolivia. Pray that many will step out in faith to support her and that others will sense a call to serve Christ.

Meanwhile, we are rejoicing over the arrival of Talo and Patty Vergara and their son, Lucas. Talo did an internship with us in 2003. Later, while serving with GMI in Bolivia from 2006-10, he had a major impact in the lives of young people who are leaders today. They will both play important roles in the Centro Bíblico de la Gracia and equipping young people to serve Christ.

Prayer: Fruitful ministry for the Vergaras; our bonding as a GMI team in Bolivia.

God is at work in Bolivia! Thank you for your prayers!

Serving for His glory,
Frosty and Cathy Hansen

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