



“Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits” (Psalm 103:2).

Much of the past few months of our ministry in Bolivia has been energizing. We have been involved in the birth of a new ministry and watched this dream flourish. We have witnessed the emergence of young leaders and renewed commitment of established pastors. There is much to share, but here are a few snippets.

Centro Bíblico de la Gracia

Offering classes in the Centro Bíblico de la Gracia has been a dream come true! Our calling to return to Bolivia was in response to the request of the Misión Evangélica Bethesda (MEB) for assistance in establishing effective training for a new generation of Bolivian pastors and church leaders to strengthen existing churches and expand their ministry.

This became a reality in late July when the new training center facility was officially dedicated to the Lord. There was a genuine air of excitement among the pastors and church leaders present as we reflected on God’s faithful provision and the need for those present to dedicate ourselves to the task of reaching Bolivia and the continent with the message of God’s grace through Jesus Christ.

Just over 24 hours later Frosty led the inaugural class as he resumed his studies with MEB pastors in the area of pastoral theology, the final series of three areas of study in preparation for their ordination.



The board of Centro Bíblico de la Gracia at the dedication service

Our desire is to present a full schedule of classes for 2019, depending on the availability of teachers. In the meantime, we have offered three multi-session workshops to strengthen local church ministries. The response has been overwhelming, to the point where late-registrants had to be turned away from a teacher training workshop due to lack of space.

The workshop which drew the most attention was the Worship Summit. Led by a team from the States – Pastor Jonathan Blycker, Jeff Johnson, and Adam and Danae Wolf – the sessions addressed everything from the nature and purpose of worship to the correct use of sound systems. It was encouraging to see our guests connect so well with members of our church worship teams, many of whom asked pertinent questions on how to enhance the ministries in their churches.

Our current need is restocking the library. Commentaries and reference books which were part of earlier training facilities have been lost or are badly worn. Our desire is to purchase additional books for a functional library by early next year. If you are interested in helping, donations can be made through the GMI Christmas catalog at <https://www.gracem.org/christmas-catalog/>.



Frosty and Miguel Mendez cutting the ribbon at the Centro Bíblico de la Gracia dedication



Worship team enjoying a cup of Bolivian coffee roasted by our neighbor Julio



Cathy joined a group from Emanuel Church for evangelism at Henry Prince School

Personal Ministry

Our greatest joys come from opportunities to invest in the lives of individuals either through casual conversation or more formal one-on-one discipleship sessions. Whether it begins with a question about the Bible or sharing the struggles of everyday life, it becomes an open door to help them apply God’s truth to the situations of their life.

It has been exciting to watch the growth of one particular couple. The wife first approached Cathy and asked to study the Bible together. The husband was observing the joy his wife had in reading and studying God’s Word, so he asked Frosty to disciple him. Almost immediately the wife began to notice changes in her husband which have strengthened their marriage. To God be the glory!

This is why we are passionate about encouraging others to spend more time in God’s Word. As Cathy is involved in women’s ministries and Frosty works with pastors and young students, we make this a major emphasis because we have seen the results in our lives and others.



Celebrating our birthdays in September

Prayer Needs

We shared in the past how new government regulations have called for all religious organizations, including foreign mission agencies, to reapply for our legal standing with updates to their constitution and bylaws. Our paperwork was being reviewed when changes in government agencies brought the process to a standstill. The lawyer helping us navigate the legal channels had assured us we were on a good track, but now we would appreciate prayer that this long process will soon reach a successful conclusion.

We would also appreciate continued prayer for:

- ▶ The MEB recently elected a new leadership team. Pray for a smooth transition.
- ▶ For God’s Word to impact lives as we have opportunity to disciple others.
- ▶ Additional teachers and planning classes for the Centro Bíblico de la Gracia.
- ▶ Physical and spiritual strength as we face the daily demands of ministry.

We thank the Lord for your prayers and interest in God’s work in Bolivia. If you are interested in more current news through our monthly email update, please contact us at frosty.hansen@gracem.org.

Serving for His glory,
Frosty and Cathy Hansen