



The Blackburns

Mike, Leslie and Cameron

Hello from the Blackburns,

May/June 2025

We know that the US is “enjoying” the warm summer months but we just experienced our coldest week of the year with temperatures in the low 50s and the wind chill dropped the temperature by another 15 to 20 degrees. We rather enjoyed it actually!

We delayed this letter just a bit in order to include photos and details of the medical clinic the first week of July. The medical team experienced a couple of missed flight connections, but all arrived safely and well within the time frame needed to have a recuperation day and scope out the facility for the clinic. After attending a Sunday morning service with the host church, the team set up a soft launch to see any church members who wanted care.

July 7th was the first official day of the clinic which consisted of medical providers and an optical team ready to do exams and find prescription glasses or readers to those needing them. Local interpreters were enlisted to help along with a team of evangelists. All helpers on this side, including 4 bus drivers for team transportation, totaled around 50 each day. This brought the total number of working personnel between 90 and 100 individuals needed to pull off this event. Each day started and ended nearly the same – a long line greeting us at 7:30 am and a line of people remaining at 5:30pm unable to be seen that day. Many stayed near the gate overnight so they could be up front at the beginning of the next day. By the end of the last day, a total of 2036 people had received medical care and/or glasses, but the “cherry on top” was that 751 of those made decisions to accept Jesus Christ as their Savior!

The host church was very engaged in the effort to reach their community. The people worked on church cleaning and improvements in the weeks leading up to the clinic then worked long hours during the week serving alongside the medical team. The church celebrated their 7th anniversary on the Sunday after the clinic. We estimate that there were 80 visitors that day. Please pray that they will continue to come and find that this church will care for them and help them grow in the Lord.

Progress on the churches in Abapó and Ivitipora continues as the people are able to do the work. Restrooms are being built at one location while electrical and tile flooring are going in at the other.

The Bible Institute has had a slow roll out. One church received their materials and completed their first course. Other churches have their materials but have not yet informed us of a start date.

In August, there is a plan to begin a children’s club in an area nearby to gauge the neighborhood’s interest in establishing a church.

Mike will be traveling to Riberalta this weekend to help with another missionary’s medical clinic through a different organization. These organized trips are not vacations for the teams or the hosts. After weeks of planning and preparation, they are exhausting but life-changing experiences for everyone involved. Please pray that this outreach will be successful with people witnessing the love of God through servants willing to give of themselves and that many souls would be added to God’s Kingdom.

Thank you all for your prayers and encouragement as we continue to serve alongside our partners here in Bolivia. Together, and with you and God’s enablement, we want to make an impact here that has eternal value.

Sincerely,

Mike & Leslie Blackburn

Serving With Church-Planters in Bolivia

*Visit “Blackburns to Bolivia”
Facebook group for
photos/detailed updates*

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It is essential to hold these medical clinics near an Independent Baptist Church so that those saved have a place to go to be under the solid preaching of God's word.

Pastor Rojelio and his wife Patricia will be there

@ Iglesia Bautista Fundamental

Sembrando La Buena Semilla

(Sowing the Good Seed Fundamental Baptist Church) to shepherd those who have been added to the family.



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