



The Blackburns

Mike, Leslie and Cameron

Hello from the Blackburns,

October/November 2024

We hope this letter finds you basking in the goodness of God, with an a glow of thankfulness to Him for all the many blessings He showers upon us. We should always be in this mindset, but we are grateful for the extra emphasis at this time of year.

We arrived home from our family visits that first week of October. We were able to attend a local mission conference and fit in a few appointments. Mike also hand-delivered our documents to a lady in the Richmond area who translated and apostilled everything we need to begin establishing our residency in Bolivia. She has certain connections that made the process flow smoothly through the system and everything was ready within a month.

Cameron turned 18 in the middle of October so that was a milestone that we celebrated here at home. Before the end of the month, we drove up to Pennsylvania and West Virginia and were able to spend some time with dear friends, attend a supporting church, and be in another new church nearby.

We were home for two full weeks before Mike drove back down to the Hendersonville area of NC to assist with the hurricane relief efforts alongside our partners, the Murrays. One of our grandsons was available to be with him during part of the time he was there. It was great to be able to show him how churches and communities far and wide pull together to help others in dire need of the daily essentials. He worked hard and enjoyed learning how to do things he had never done before. They were back home for a few days before we spent Thanksgiving with family.

Plane tickets have been purchased! We leave the States on Saturday, February 1st. Cameron and our other son, Nathan, who lives locally, will be flying down with us. They will be a huge help to us with getting USD and extra luggage into the country, and with setting up the house. They will only be staying one week with us as we get settled.

We have one more church to visit this month that will allow us to see one of our former Pastors and his wife in South Carolina. We will then focus on spending Christmas with some of our children and grandchildren as January will be filled with last-minute appointments, packing, and preparing the house and Cameron for our absence. We want to ask that you keep this in mind as you pray for us. We need to plan and pack efficiently so as not to spend any excess on baggage or tubs that we do not need to take. We will also need wisdom in how to most effectively use our USD and the exchange rate to our best advantage when making purchases of household items and a vehicle.

We do not expect to be able to send out the next update letter until we are well-established in Santa Cruz. However, we plan to provide more frequent video updates through our Facebook group. We will restart the regular letters as soon as possible. Thank you so much for all the prayers, support, and extra gifts you have sent our way. Not one goes unnoticed, and we thank God for each of you! And.... *Merry Christmas!!*

Sincerely,

Mike, Leslie and Cameron Blackburn

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"...with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel;" Philippians 1:27