

Dear praying friends,

Welcome to our first prayer letter of 2024. We hope you are well! With the busyness of Christmas, and at the same time the finishing up of Alpha, English and the F4 financial freedom for families courses we'd been leading, we did not write a final 2023 prayer letter. Thank you for following up and remaining steadfast in prayer despite this. We trust you had a wonderful Christmas and that the new year has ushered in renewed hope and joy in Christ! Tomorrow we will all be celebrating the Risen Christ! Aleyuya!

We'd love prayer for the following:

Firstly, A prayer of thanks! As some of you may know, going into the last quarter of the year, we shared that we had a significant gap in our funding, potentially putting our work here In Bolivia at risk. Thanks to the Lord and many of you, our funding is moving in a positive direction, however, there remains a shortfall, so we humbly ask for prayer and the Lord's provision in this area.

This month, Lisa together with 2 Bolivian ladies started a 3-month pilot English course-LOGOS English, with biblical content and a **hope of building community**, 2 nights per week in our church, Cristo Luz del Mundo. There are 13 students aged 17 to 75, some of whom are Christians, some not. It's super exciting to see our church open during the week to the wider community, embracing new opportunities. **Please pray that through this course we make Christ known to those who don't yet know him**. Also, there would be much fruit from this pilot, opening up a future possibility to offer this course on a longer-term basis.

Recently, our **microfinance partners, Richard and Jenny** (public toilet business), in addition to the monthly outreach lunches they provide for the people living on the streets, together with Andrew, have started a new group in their community studying God's word. They are currently studying the Gospel of John every Friday morning. **Pray that those attending would hear God speak clearly and powerfully through his word and that Jesus would be made real to them!** Pray specifically for a **man named Chino**, whose story will be shared soon.

We are 4 weeks into leading another ALPHA Course. Please pray for the small group hosts to keep the conversations flowing, to foster confidentiality and for the participants as they explore big questions together. Also join us in praying specifically for the Holy Spirit Day, which takes place on the 20th of April.

Andrew and Raúl have started leading another F4 course (Financial freedom for families), with worshippers from La Trinidad Anglican Church in Cochabamba (Western Bolivia) on Zoom. Join us in **praying for** commitment to stay the course -literally- and for grace, humility and patience for both instructor and participant. Financial matters and stewardship are sensitive subjects to work through!

Please pray for our Pastor Franklin and his wife Maru. As they Pastor our growing church, they would take on Christ's easy yoke daily and experience the promised rest he offers as they do so. Matthew 11: 28-29

Pray also for our church. We'll be out in the neighbourhood of our church today, doing an Easter treasure hunt in a local park, led by house groups- Conexión Viva- one of which we host in our home. As part of our love in action initiative; we're putting into practice what we're studying and learning about God and the community he wants us to build in his name.

Please keep the community centre & garden we're developing, in your prayers. The new material for our small groups is providing our church with the biblical tools to help break free of our inward-looking mindset and look out to the growing community around our church, with the hope to work with and involve them in this and other projects.

Our girls are doing well, nearing the end of yet another school year. Liliana graduates high school in June, after which we'll all head to England for the summer, where Liliana will stay for a 'gap' year before going to Uni and we'll return to Bolivia without her. **Pray for this transition for Liliana especially,** that she settles in well, finds a good community of faith, reconnects with family, friends and finds a job or two! Pray for us, too, in this transition! While we're in England, we'll be visiting our link churches, and catching up with friends and family. **Pray** for us to take on Jesus's yoke and receive his promised rest!

We love partnering with you in prayer, please let us know how we can pray for you. Wishing you a beautiful Easter!

Much love and bendiciones en Cristo, Andrew, Lisa, Liliana & Anayah x

