

# PLANES WITH PURPOSE

News from the Hammitt Family

April 2019

## It's Official!

We are excited to announce that we have been accepted to serve with International Tribal Ministries in Bolivia! Aaron will serve as a pilot/mechanic, and Tara and the kids will have opportunities to support ITM's ministries in other ways.

Last month we traveled to Georgia to meet with ITM's board of directors, and the more we get to know the people associated with this ministry, the more we feel that it is a great fit for our family. ITM is a small but growing organization, and we trust that the Lord will use our gifts and passions to help accomplish the work that He is doing through ITM in Bolivia.

There are many things that attracted us to ITM, but two of them are the focus on church planting and the fact that many Bolivian nationals serve with ITM—both as full-time staff and short-term volunteers. Though their primary focus is church planting, ITM also provides emergency medical transportation, well drilling, Christian radio broadcasting, and more. You can learn about ITM at [www.goITM.org](http://www.goITM.org).

Our current plan is to stay in North Carolina through June, then spend a few weeks in Ohio, and finally make our move to Bolivia in August.



*Our family at the airstrip in San Lorenzo during our visit in December.*



*Aaron earned his tailwheel endorsement in March.*



*He also helped with the annual inspection of MAG's Cessna 206.*

## Help Send Us to Bolivia!

We have been very blessed by the faithful ministry partners that have made it possible for us to serve with MMS Aviation for the past several years. We hope that you will continue to support us as we transition to missionary service with ITM!

We are also in need of additional monthly and one-time financial support. The basic cost of living in Cochabamba will be comparable to the cost of living in the United States, but we will have additional expenses associated with schooling and international travel, and we want to begin setting aside more for future needs. The Lord has always provided, but we also want to be faithful to plan for known future expenses.

In addition to giving financially, you can partner with us by praying for our family and ministry. We have witnessed first-hand how easy it is for missionaries to be sidelined by illness, discouragement, financial hardships, and habitual sin. Too often they end up leaving the field. Your prayer support and encouragement is vital to our longevity in this ministry!



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## Family Corner

### We are thankful for:

- ✧ being accepted to serve with International Tribal Ministries.
- ✧ the new financial support that has already begun coming in.
- ✧ good visits with family in the past few weeks.

### Please pray with us for:

- ✧ our move, transition, and adjustment to Bolivia.
- ✧ the additional financial support we need to raise before moving to Cochabamba.
- ✧ strong Christian friends in Bolivia, especially for Ian and Ella. The move will be hard for all of us, but probably most difficult for them.



*Aliza loved visiting the aquarium at the Greensboro Science Center!*



*We visited Stone Mountain Park in Georgia with Tara's mom and sister.*



*For the first time since moving to NC, we visited Pilot Mountain State Park.*



*Aaron's parents came to watch Ian and Ella play tennis for BCA.*

## Why Focus on Church Planting?

Many organizations have needs for missionary pilot/mechanics. Some of them focus on medical care and relief work. Some focus on Bible translation, church planting, or a number of other good things. So why are we excited about ITM's focus on church planting and discipleship?

For about thirty years Jesus physically walked the earth. His actions during his public ministry included preaching and teaching, but also healing the sick, raising the dead, and advocating for the poor and oppressed. But these were not just random acts of kindness. They were accompanied by a call to reject and repent from sin, and to new life in Christ. Jesus came to "seek and save the lost" (Luke 19:10).

Jesus frequently demonstrated mercy and compassion, and He broke bread with the despised and outcast. Yet he never failed to call people out of the bondage of sin and brokenness, and into His Kingdom.

As He prepared to leave this world, Jesus made it clear to his disciples that *their* mission was to carry on *His* mission by making disciples of all nations. As Jesus'

present-day disciples, the Church is the Body of Christ, the physical presence of Jesus in the world!

If the Church is growing and truly acting as the Body of Christ, then we will naturally and organically see an increase in acts of love and compassion within the Church and to the world around us. We don't need to choose between church planting *or* compassion ministry. By focusing on the church—bringing people to Christ and then continuing to nurture them as disciples of Jesus—we will also see the Body of Christ responding to the brokenness in our communities, loving people as Christ loved them. God gives each of us unique gifts and passions, that we may bless others inside and outside the walls of our churches.

Our desire is that unreached people in remote parts of Bolivia would come to know Jesus, then reach the communities around them with the Gospel. The Church is God's chosen instrument for carrying on His work in the world until Jesus returns, and we're excited to support the building up of the Body of Christ through the tool of missionary aviation!

