

# PLANES WITH PURPOSE

News from the Hammitt Family

April 2021

## Aviation Ministry Update

For the past few months, Aaron has been settling into his role as a pilot-mechanic with ITM. Because we are a small ministry, he has been helping with administration as well, with a good balance between flying, aircraft maintenance, and other responsibilities.

The flight program primarily supports ITM's ministries and missionaries in Oromomo and San Lorenzo, but we serve in other ways as well. Here are some flights Aaron has made since January:

- ✧ Flying a pastor to his home town to deliver donations of medicine, wheelchairs, walkers, and other medical supplies.
- ✧ Many flights delivering food and building supplies to Oromomo and for the Bible Institute in San Lorenzo.
- ✧ Several flights taking school teachers to and from Oromomo.
- ✧ Transporting volunteers to and from San Lorenzo. These volunteers helped with construction, children's programs, etc.
- ✧ Supporting a missionary couple from Ethnos 360 by transporting them to and from their home in San Borja.
- ✧ Delivering vaccines to a small isolated town.
- ✧ Transporting several patients from Oromomo to San Ignacio, where they could receive the medical care they needed.

In the remote areas where ITM works, the airplane is a vital component of our ministry. Almost every ministry area relies on the aviation program to run smoothly. Thank you for partnering with us to support the ministry of ITM among remote communities of Bolivia!

## A Slow Return to Normal

It's been nearly 14 months since COVID-19 arrived in Bolivia, and for more than a year we had very limited interaction with the outside world. Very slowly, things are returning to normal. In April, our church started meeting again, and Tara, Ian, and Ella are able to take in-person Spanish classes. Several parks have re-opened, although the nice park by our house remains closed for some unknown reason.

However, it seems that just when restrictions start to ease up, another wave of COVID hits! There are still few opportunities for interaction with people outside our family. Please continue to pray that we can figure out how to be engaged and connected outside our four walls.



*Aaron picked up Pastor Elias (far left) in the town of Trinidad and flew him to his hometown of Baures, where they delivered medical supplies that had been donated for the clinic in that community.*



*It's encouraging to see Bolivian churches get excited and invest in the ministries of ITM. Several volunteers from a church in Cochabamba have given weeks of their time to serve with us in San Lorenzo.*



*After being closed for a year due to COVID-19, our church has finally begun meeting again!*



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## Kids' Corner

### We are thankful:

- ✧ that Aaron has been able to fly on a regular basis, supporting the ministry and gaining more experience flying in Bolivia.
- ✧ that our church is now meeting in-person.

### Please pray with us:

- ✧ that the Lord would provide a clear path for Aaron to get a permanent Bolivian pilot certificate by next January.
- ✧ for the teachers and students at the *Centro Biblico Misionero* in San Lorenzo.
- ✧ that all would go well with the refurbishment and assembly of our second airplane, and that it could arrive in Bolivia later this year.



*Someone turned three years old this month!*



*We finally drove up to Tunari Park.*



*She was slightly excited about her birthday.*



*The three kids on Easter.*

## Classes Begin at CBM

In April, we welcomed several families to the newly-inaugurated Bible Institute in San Lorenzo. These students at the *Centro Biblico Misionero* (CBM) will be equipped to be leaders in the local church, or to be sent to other communities as missionaries. At the CBM we are able to accept students who can't enroll elsewhere for various reasons: because they have families, lack the required education or resources, don't speak Spanish, etc.

Although our goal is not to offer a full seminary education, CBM students are receiving quality teaching on a number of topics including foundations of the faith, surveys of the Old and New Testaments, Bible study methods, the life of Christ, worldview, and



church planting. It has been exciting to see the Lord provide for these students to attend, and to hear of their passion and excitement to learn!

Please pray for the CBM students and teachers, and for the resources we need to finish several infrastructure projects that are not yet complete. We look forward to sharing how the Lord continues to provide and use the CBM graduates to further His Kingdom!

## A Second Airplane for ITM

We've been praying for several months that the Lord would provide for a second airplane for ITM. Another Cessna 206 will extend our reach and allow us to continue operating when we run into maintenance issues or paperwork delays.

Praise the Lord! He has provided the estimated \$110,000 that we needed to purchase and refurbish another airplane! The airframe is currently in Georgia, being inspected and assembled. The engine is being overhauled at MMS Aviation, and final assembly will take place late this summer. We hope to see the airplane arrive in Bolivia this fall!

