

Jeff & Beth Hause – August 2011 Update

Dear Co-Laborers in the Ministry,

Much has happened (obviously) since I last wrote in March.

In May we were surprised by a visit from Marie and Brittany, as well as Kevin, a friend they brought along from their church in Tallahassee. Beth knew they were coming, but it was a surprise to Steven, Pablito and I.

They came to attend Steven's graduation. On May 26th Steven graduated from Santa Cruz Christian Learning Center. He will be attending college at Florida State University in Tallahassee, Florida, the university both his sisters attend. (Marie is working on her doctorate and Brittany is entering her last year toward her bachelor's. She just finished summer classes in Italy and will take the fall semester in London.) Steven hopes to study in the film school at FSU.

While the whole family was here they gave me another surprise. I had turned 50 while up in the U.S. in January, so we did not celebrate my birthday here on the field. But one Saturday evening – with the cooperation of our fellow missionaries and our church, all who managed to keep it a secret – they threw me a surprise birthday party. It was really a surprise and I really enjoyed it.

We had one summer intern this year, Bethany Pyles. She was able to have a variety of ministry experiences during her five weeks here and was very helpful to the SAM Bolivia field.

Beth was able to help out with the annual VBS for the English speaking community here in Santa Cruz. Two children received Christ during that time, and you can pray for two boys with whom Beth had a great opportunity to speak at length and who both said they were not ready to make a decision. She also helped tutor at a camp called English Village, an intensive language acquisition program for those Bolivians who need English in their current ministries or to go into missions.

On July 18 I was visiting the English Village, and on my way back home a car in the opposite lane swung over into my lane and ran into us. I got off the road enough so that the impact was not straight head-on, but the driver's side of my car was badly damaged from front to back. I had two passengers, and the other driver also had a passenger. We thank God for His protection: there were no injuries, which is fairly miraculous considering the damage to both vehicles! I will never know why the other driver came over into my lane because she is not admitting to anything and just trying to blame me, but I am also thankful that there were witnesses and that the physical evidence at the scene also showed that I was not to blame. Both I and the other driver are covered by the same insurance company so we did not have to go through too many legal hoops and the insurance is taking care of everything. For now I am traveling a lot by micros, the small busses that run throughout the city, which gives me many opportunities to distribute The Four Spiritual Laws.

Beth is in the U.S. helping Steven settle into life there. She will be in the U.S. until September 10. Our training center, CIET, is wrapping up its second trimester. I have been teaching Introduction to the Bible, one of my favorite courses to teach, and working on arranging things for the third trimester. (I am once again the Director of CIET, but our goal is to eventually have a Bolivian serve as Director.)

We hope to send out a prayer letter shortly which will probably end up repeating some of this information, but it has been so long since we last wrote that I just wanted to let you know how things are going with us. Thanks for your prayers and support!

In Him,
Jeff for the family