

A Note from
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You may notice differences between this letter and our usual ones—such as its length. Once in a while (the last time was 2008), we have so much to tell you that we need more than two pages! This is one of those times. Please enjoy this rare, longer letter!

Secondly, much of this newsletter (especially pgs 3-4) was designed and written by Philip, as part of his English studies! With much prayer, we decided to remove him from the school he was in and home school him this year. It has been a very good change. Enjoy this look at our life from a super 6th grader!

As for Peter, he is working hard in regular school and played varsity basketball this year! In fact, his team won the championship title!

God bless you all.
Happy reading!

SAMAIR News

We have good news concerning SAMAIR personnel!

Lance & Caroline Erickson recently finished a two-month internship here and decided they want to join us as SAMAIR missionaries! A **mechanic from Paraguay** also came this month to look into joining the team. In the meantime, **Dave Speyers**, a SAM pilot in Peru, has agreed to transfer here for a year, so our pilot, Greg, can go on furlough. We are so grateful!

We faced a bit of a scare in January, when Greg flew a group of Bolivian pastors four flight hours away, out to a small town near Brazil. After arrival, he became

quite sick. He was diagnosed with **dengue fever** that seemed to be turning hemorrhagic. What do you do when the rescuer needs rescued? This is why we have been praying for another pilot! In addition to not having another one on staff, it was nighttime by then, and illegal for us to fly.

As e-mails went out, people from various countries and states prayed for Greg. By morning, he was still not well enough to pilot the plane, but no longer had hemorrhagic symptoms! Two Bolivian pilots flew out to pick him up (along with the passengers and plane). Greg spent about a week in the hospital, but his recovery and well-being

was **a true answer to prayer and testament to God's grace.**

Between flights here on the ground, Tom and Greg have been building **solar panels.** Why? Well, they are using them to provide electricity for village churches and the boat that SAM uses here for river ministry. Power like this is unavailable in many villages except by generators, which run on limited and expensive diesel. So, solar is a much better option. This bit of power allows for light bulbs and even small appliances. People who work during the day are able to attend church and read their Bibles at night!

Thank you SO much for your financial support! We finished the year "in the black!" Please keep praying that our supporters will be able to continue giving.

Two True Miracles

Left: A few years ago, some of you may remember, God raised precious **Samuel** from the dead! Well, he is now playing drums in church worship services, alongside our sons, Peter and Philip.

Right: Maria Eugenia is a 14-year old whose rare congenital illness (AVM) paralyzed her. Missionaries here, and other Christians stateside, prayed and worked to get Maria a free surgery in a US Hospital. The surgeon there hoped to save her life, but said he had no expectation she would walk again. We all prayed for Maria and she not only survived, she started walking! She was even featured on the Miami news. She is currently still in a wheelchair, obtained by our friend Dale W. and brought by Tom's parents & the Treats. I don't think they'd mind, though, if Maria gave it to someone else! God is good!



