



The
Salvatierra

Missionaries to Family

BOLIVIA



Goals:

Church Planting
Personal Evangelism
Discipleship
Training Nationals



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INFORMATION PACKET



Our Testimonies and Call

Ernesto: I grew up in a non-Christian family, and went to the Catholic church probably three or five times a year. At the age of 15, I ended up in a children's home called Nacer in Santa Cruz, Bolivia. Even though I did not want to be there, it was required for me to read my Bible and to assist in group devotions every single day. The Lord was working in my life every single day through His Word even though I was not saved yet. After two months in the children's home, I was sent to a youth camp where I eventually received the Lord Jesus Christ as my personal Savior. Being saved was just the beginning of an everlasting journey with the Lord Jesus Christ. I had always wanted to be a pilot, but soon after I got saved I suddenly did not know what to do with my life. My desire to serve the Lord was very strong, but I did not know how or where to serve Him. During my senior year in high school in another youth camp during the preaching of God's Word, I surrendered my life to preach the Gospel. Soon after I had surrendered my life to preach, the Lord opened the doors for me to go to Calvary Baptist Bible College in Puerto Rico. That is where I met my wife and now both of us know the Lord wants us to go back to Bolivia (my home country) as missionaries to reach people with the Gospel.

Amanda: I was raised in a broken home in Cleveland, Ohio. The Lord gave me the privilege of attending a Christian school from kindergarten through twelfth grade. At about seven years old, I trusted Jesus as my Savior. God used the church and Christian school as a "safe haven" for me. When I was eleven years old, during a missions conference, I surrendered my life to the Lord for missions. God was working in my life in many ways, and He led me to go to Bible college. After graduation in 2013, I followed the Lord's leading to teach at Calvary Baptist Christian School in Puerto Rico. In my first year of teaching, I met Ernesto, and in 2014, we were married. During another missions conference, the Lord called me to Bolivia to serve with my husband. Ernesto and I are looking forward to following God's next step for our lives as missionaries in Bolivia.



Our Training

In 2016, the Lord opened the door for us to begin serving under and along side Pastor Gary Bohman at Gospel Light Baptist Church in Helena, Alabama, to gain more knowledge of the ministry. We have been privileged to work there full-time and serve in many areas such as the children's church, Vacation Bible School, Spanish ministry, and teaching in the Christian school.

In February of 2021, we were able to take a survey trip to Bolivia. It was a wonderful, eye-opening experience. There is such a need to take the Gospel to these people who are blinded to the truth. They are "wholly given to idolatry" as they follow the lies of Catholicism.



Our Mission Board

In June of 2021, the Lord allowed us to be approved as missionaries through Baptist International Missions, Incorporated (BIMI). We enjoyed a wonderful week at the Candidate School. If you have any comments or questions, feel free to contact BIMI or our field director, Sean Lunday. Any financial support may be sent to BIMI with Ernesto Salvatierra #1651 in the memo. Thank you!

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Our Goals

While at Gospel Light, we saw first hand the functionality of a thriving New Testament church. These same functions we plan to take with us to Bolivia. Although every culture is different, the teachings of the Bible remain the same.

1. Personal Evangelism (John 1:41-42)

As I consider this concept, I think about Andrew bringing his brother to Jesus. Andrew is seen throughout the Gospels as always bringing someone to Jesus. I believe that as Christians we should always strive to do the same-bring people to the saving knowledge of Jesus.

2. Discipleship (2 Timothy 2:2)

This is one of the most vivid things that God has taught us at Gospel Light Baptist Church. It is really amazing to see someone come to the saving knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ, and then teach them the Bible one on one.

3. Church Planting (Acts 14:21-23)

Our prayer is that God would use us to establish local, indigenous, New Testament churches. The Lord Jesus Himself promises that He will build His church. What a privilege it is for us to be a part of it!

4. Training Nationals (Exodus 18:20-21)

Although Moses was a great leader that God used in a mighty way, He needed to train other leaders so that God's work would be more effective. I love the wise advice of Jethro to Moses in verse 20 "...thou shalt teach them ordinances and laws, and shalt shew them the way wherein they must walk, and the work that they must do." One of the needed things in Bolivia is the need to equip and train men to become the new pastors, church planters, and evangelists.

Psalm 96:2 "Sing unto the LORD, bless his name; shew forth his salvation from day to day."

Our Statement Of Faith

The Scriptures

We believe the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the Bible, “as it is in truth, the Word of God...” (I Thessalonians 2:13). We believe in verbal, plenary inspiration in the original writings, and God’s preservation of His pure words to every generation (II Timothy 3:16, Psalms 12:6-8). We believe that the Scriptures are inerrant, infallible, and God-breathed.

The Masoretic Text of the Old Testament and the Received Text of the New Testament (Textus Receptus) are those texts of the original languages we accept and use; the King James Version of the Bible is the only English version we accept and use. The Bible is our sole and final authority for faith and practice.

The Godhead

We believe in one Triune God, eternally existing in three persons—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, co-eternal in being, co-identical in nature, co-equal in power and glory, and having the same attributes and perfections (Deuteronomy 6:4; II Corinthians 13:14). We believe that God created the entire universe in six literal, twenty-four-hour days (Genesis 1:1-27).

The Person and Work of Christ

We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ, the eternal Son of God, became man, without ceasing to be God, having been conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary, in order that He might reveal God and redeem sinful men (John 1:1-2, 14; Luke 1:35; Isaiah 9:6; 7:14; Philippians 2:5-8; Galatians 4:4-5).

We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ accomplished our redemption through His finished work on the cross as a representative, vicarious, substitutionary sacrifice; and that our justification is made sure by His literal, physical resurrection from the dead (Romans 3:24-25; I Peter 2:24; Ephesians 1:7; I Peter 1:3-5).

We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ was raised bodily and that He ascended to Heaven, and is now exalted at the right hand of God, where, as our High Priest, He fulfills the ministry of Representative, Intercessor, and Advocate (Acts 1:9-10; Hebrews 9:24, 7:25; Romans 8:34; I John 2:1-2)

The Person and Work of the Holy Spirit

We believe that the Holy Spirit is the Person who reproveth the world of sin, of righteousness, and of judgment; and that He is the Supernatural Agent in regeneration, indwelling all believers and sealing them unto the day of redemption (John 16:8-11; II Corinthians 3:6; Romans 8:9; Ephesians 1:13-14).

We believe that the sign gifts of the Holy Spirit, such as speaking in tongues and the gift of healing, were temporary. We believe that speaking in tongues was never the common or necessary sign of the baptism or filling of the Holy Spirit and that ultimate deliverance of the body from sickness or death awaits the consummation of our salvation in the resurrection, though God frequently chooses to answer the prayer of believers for physical healing. (II Corinthians 12:12; I Corinthians 13:8; Hebrews 2:3-4; Mark 16:17-20; I Corinthians 1:22, 14:21-22).

Satan

We believe in the reality of the person of Satan and that he and the fallen angels wage a spiritual warfare against the plan and purposes of God (John 13:2; Acts 5:3; Ephesians 6:11-12). We believe that Satan is a created angelic being who rebelled and who tempted man to join him in rebellion against God (Isaiah 14:12-17; Ezekiel 28:11-19; Genesis 3:1-5). We believe his power is supernatural, yet limited; and that he cannot act without the permission of God (Job 1:6-12; I John 4:4). Satan's eternal end is everlasting torment in the Lake of Fire (Revelation 20:10).

Man

We believe that man was created in the image and likeness of God, but that in Adam's sin the race fell, inherited a sinful nature, and became alienated from God; and therefore man is totally depraved, and, of himself, utterly unable to remedy his lost condition (Genesis 1:26-27; Romans 3:22-23; Ephesians 2:1-3, 12). The sacredness of human personality is evident in that God created man in His own image and is mindful of him, and in that Christ died for man; therefore every individual possesses dignity and is worthy of respect and Christian love. (Psalm 8:4-9; Colossians 3:9-11).

The Way of Salvation

We believe that the clear message of salvation is "repentance toward God and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ" (Acts 20:21). We believe that salvation is "by grace" plus nothing minus nothing. We believe that Jesus Christ died for every man, and that each individual chooses to accept or reject the grace of God (Hebrews 2:9; I John 2:2). We believe that men are justified by faith alone and are accounted righteous before God only through the merit of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. (Ephesians 2:8-10; John 1:12; I Peter 1:18-19)

We believe that all the redeemed, once saved are kept by God's power and are thus secure in Christ forever. We believe that eternal life is the present possession of every believer (John 6:37-40, 10:27-30; Romans 8:1, 38-39; I Corinthians 1:4-8; I Peter 1:4-5; Jude 1, 2).

The Church

We believe that the New Testament church is a local assembly of baptized believers who have voluntarily joined themselves together to carry out the Great Commission. The Lord is doing His work in this world through local churches. The establishment and continuance of local churches is clearly taught and defined in the New Testament Scriptures (Acts 14:27; 20:17, 28-32; I Timothy 3:1-13; Titus 1:5-11).

We believe in the autonomy of the local church free of any external authority or control. Christ is the only head of the church (Acts 13:1-4, 15:19-31, 20:28; Romans 16:1, 4; I Corinthians 3:9,16; 5:4-7,13; I Peter 5:1-4).

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Biblical Separation

We believe that all the saved should live in such a manner as not to bring reproach upon their Savior and Lord; and, that separation from all religious apostasy, all worldly and sinful pleasures, practices and associations is commanded of God (II Timothy 3:1-5; Romans 12:1, 2, 14:13; I John 2:15-17; II John 9-11; II Corinthians 6:14-7:1).

The Return of Christ

We believe the “Blessed Hope” of our Lord’s return is literal, personal, visible, imminent, premillennial, and pretribulational. Believers will be caught up to be with the Lord prior to the seven years of tribulation, and at the end of the tribulation Christ will return with His saints to establish His thousand-year reign on the earth (I Thessalonians 4:13-18; Titus 2:13; I Thessalonians 1:10; Revelation 3:10; Zechariah 14:4-11; Revelation 19:11-16, 20:1-6; Psalm 89:3-4).

Our Eternal State

We believe in the bodily resurrection of all men, the saved to eternal life, and the unsaved to judgment and everlasting punishment (Matthew 25:46; John 5:28, 29, 11:25-26; Revelation 20:5-6, 12-13).

We believe that the souls of the redeemed are, at death, absent from the body and present with the Lord, where in conscious bliss they await the first resurrection, when spirit, soul, and body are reunited to be glorified forever with the Lord (Luke 23:43; Revelation 20:4-6; II Corinthians 5:8; Philippians 1:23, 3:21; I Thessalonians 4:16-17).

We believe that the souls of unbelievers remain, after death, in conscious misery until the second resurrection, when with soul and body reunited they shall appear at the Great White Throne Judgment, and shall be cast into the Lake of Fire, not to be annihilated, but to suffer everlasting, conscious punishment (Luke 16:19-26; Matthew 25:41-46; II Thessalonians 1:7-9; Jude 6-7; Mark 9:43-48; Revelation 20:11-15).



Dear Pastor,

We are excited to recommend Ernesto and Amanda Salvatierra as missionaries to Bolivia. They are wonderful people and both have amazing and unique testimonies. Ernesto grew up in Bolivia and was reached by a Peruvian missionary in a boy's home who led him to Christ and encouraged him to go to Bible college. He and Amanda have been burdened for Bolivia from the time they arrived and began working here at Gospel Light Baptist Church.

Ernesto and Amanda have served here for six years now and have proven themselves to be true servants of Christ. Both have won people to Christ and been involved in discipleship, and also trained several others in soul winning.

Ernesto has been our assistant pastor here working with our Spanish, leading our vacation Bible school, translating our services in Spanish, and involved in many, many other ministries. He has shown that he has a true servant's heart and has been incredibly flexible and worked in many areas of our various ministries. Ernesto and Amanda have both taught in our Christian school and done an excellent job. They have also been involved in helping start several church plants while they've been here.

Ernesto and Amanda had an opportunity to take a missions trip to Bolivia recently, and God moved in a great way while they were there. Both Ernesto and Amanda were able to lead many people to Christ on that trip.

I truly believe that this family will be used of God in a great way in Bolivia. I believe they are fully ready to go to Bolivia and continue doing what they've already been doing here: reaching people for Christ, discipling them, and planting churches!

Would you please prayerfully consider allowing the Salvatierra family to come to your church to present their ministry?

Thank you.

Because of Him,

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To Whom It May Concern:

It is my pleasure in writing to whole-heartedly recommend Ernesto and Amanda Salvatierra as missionaries to Boliva. God has burdened their hearts for reaching the Bolivian people with the Gospel and for planting churches in this vast country.

This couple has extensive on-the-field training while serving in churches in the United States and at a Bible college in Puerto Rico. He already knows the culture and language fluently since he grew up on the field. Amanda surrendered to serve in the ministry while in Bible college and after completing training, she served as a missionary teacher in Puerto Rico. **All of these qualities make the Salvatierras two of the best missionaries to support.**

As their Field Director, I ask you to graciously consider adding them to your missions family and to partner with them to serve the Lord on this needed field. Please do not hesitate to call me if you have any questions concerning this family.

Your servant in Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sean Lunday". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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