

March 17, 2014

Re: *Report of First Week of Meetings in Santa Cruz, Bolivia, March 2014*

Dear Narrow Way Family,

There is so much to say. What unfolded during this first week of meetings in Santa Cruz, Bolivia was glorious and very special. The purpose of this trip was to establish a church and bible school in Santa Cruz and by the grace of God that was what was being accomplished. At the end of the first week, we had our first Sunday morning church service in Santa Cruz where God united the hearts of many in order to be disciplined and commit themselves to this local work.



Brother Sam ministering in Santa Cruz, Bolivia

Throughout the entire week, Brother Sam ministered day and night utilizing the time well. A typical day included Brother Sam counselling people before the morning meeting, ministering his heart out during the meeting, and counseling more people afterwards during lunch. He would then rest a bit in the afternoon, and prepare and finally minister again during the evening meeting. Then after that, we would go out to dinner and fellowship with a dozen or so people at a time getting to know them more. As he did this day and night I watched and learned firsthand how to really start a church.

Since Brother Sam was there a month ago, from the very first meeting there was a good core of people that came to all the meetings excited about what Jesus wanted to do. There were several that were new since last time Brother Sam was here and were undecided in the beginning whether they were going to be part of the church, but by the end of the first week they committed themselves to be part of the church.

The first meeting was glorious. After Pablo led the worship Brother Sam came up. I tell you, as soon as Brother Sam stood before the people and looked into their faces, the glory fell as well as that prophetic mantle. Brother Sam began prophesying and personally ministering to many in the room. His first message that night was out of Ezekiel 37, about how God's people are likened unto dry bones, ashamed, confused, and disappointed in a valley and how God wants to bring them the word of the Lord and make them into an exceeding great army. It was a very fitting word. It not only gave the people vision about what God wants to do in the last days but it brought deliverance to so many.



Picture taken after first Sunday morning church service in Santa Cruz, Bolivia!

For me, this was my first trip to Santa Cruz. Most of the people I did not know in the room at first. But standing there in the glory that first night and sensing the hearts of the people, I immediately felt home. They

felt like family. They truly are precious people who love Jesus and want to be disciplined. They simply lack leadership. Many of them have been in Charismatic churches for years but were never baptized in the Holy Ghost, never spoke in tongues, prophesied, taught the Word of God, and as such never had much vision or understanding about the calling of God for their lives.

This is what was so beautiful about the trip. It wasn't about preaching before thousands, taking up offerings, and parading Brother Sam around as the great man of God while never having any contact with the people. It was about taking time, one on one, with them, many times going into their homes. Brother Sam personally ministered to every single person throughout the week. He prophesied over them, prayed for their deliverance, two people got saved, many got baptized in the Holy Ghost, and he spent the rest of the time counselling between meetings and writing the vision before them during the meetings. I watched in amazement how this all unfolded. Brother Sam spent a few days talking about prophetic utterance. By Saturday, everybody prophesied for the first time.

I also got to fellowship with everyone myself, getting to know them more. It was sad to leave really. God really knitted all our hearts in the glory by the end of the first week and I can say that there is now a group of Christians in Santa Cruz, Bolivia of like precious faith that are now part of the Narrow Way family.



Brother Sam about to pray for church to receive the Baptism of the Holy Ghost!

My last meeting there was Sunday night at another church. Brother Sam was invited to minister at a local church there. The pastor told Brother Sam earlier in the week that he would love him to minister on the baptism of the Holy Ghost and so he did. By the end of the night most of the church came up to receive the baptism of the Holy Ghost (see picture to the left). I was surprised that most of the people there were not even filled with the Holy Ghost and they claim to be a Charismatic church. Well after some instruction, the Holy Ghost fell and every single one of them got baptized in the Holy

Ghost and were speaking in tongues. The wife of the pastor of the church came to one of our meetings later in the week and shared that their church is now transformed and they've been calling people all over Bolivia telling them how they're all speaking in tongues, full of joy, and anticipation about what Jesus is about to do. Glory to God!

Jesus is Precious,

*Andrew*