

Survival and God's Providence on the Salar De Uyuni for Missionaries Luke and Jessica

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[Sean Harris] Hey, good afternoon, everyone. Welcome to another news in focus podcast. I have got a unique podcast and it is a special treat for all of you guys. Berean is experiencing our current 2013 missions conference and we have the Marie family with us as potential candidates for ministry. And sitting to my right is Luke and to my left is Jessica and you guys have two girls. Their names...

[Luke Marie] Kyra and Haley.

[Sean Harris] Ok, Kyra and Haley. And their ages...

[Jessica Marie] They are seven and four years old.

[Sean Harris] Seven and four year old, so still cute little girls, girls' girls. And where has God called you to minister?

[Luke Marie] God has called us to minister in the country of Bolivia, South America.

[Sean Harris] All right. So we have got South America in our mind and, Luke, what is the big country in South America?

[Luke Marie] Brazil.

[Sean Harris] That is on the eastern side, is that correct?

[Luke Marie] Eastern side.

[Sean Harris] All right. So tell us in relationship to that, because we can kind of get a mental picture of that. Where is Bolivia?

[Luke Marie] If you take the eastern side of South America you have got Brazil which makes up the most of that and then we are sandwiched in between Brazil, Peru, Chile and Argentina. So we are right there in the heart of South America.

[Sean Harris] Almost like Switzerland in Europe then.

[Luke Marie] Yes, it is.

[Sean Harris] That kind of an idea. So you have four countries that are surrounding you.

[Luke Marie] We actually have five.

[Sean Harris] Five. Five countries. See, I can't even count. And but those that listen in the audience they know that I can't count and math is not my strong suit. So we have five countries surrounding Bolivia. And I am looking at a map of Bolivia and it looks like a pretty small country.

[Jessica Marie] Yeah. It is about twice the size of Texas, maybe just a little bit more.

[Sean Harris] Oh, so then it is not as small as then as what I was thinking about. Twice the size of Texas.

[Jessica Marie] A decent land mass.

[Sean Harris] Yes. Right. That is... it is bigger than what I was thinking. Now in Bolivia is a very unique place. What is that place, Luke?

[Luke Marie] The Salt Desert, the De Uyuni Salt Desert. It is a land mass that is over 4000 square miles in size. That translates into over 2,600,000 acres of pure salt that is over 12,000 feet above sea level.

[Sean Harris] So this is... I am looking at a Wikipedia article and we are going to link this to it. And the spelling is S A L A R space D E space U Y U N I. So if you just start with that salar it will pull up.

I am looking at a picture on the right hand side. You can look at it on your screen at the house. If you get a chance to pull this up on Google and it looks like a lake.

[Luke Marie] It looks like a lake. They say that it used to be a great salt lake.

[Sean Harris] It used to be a great salt lake.

[Jessica Marie] They...

[Luke Marie] But they have no history of it.

[Jessica Marie] Right. They say millions of years ago, of course.

[Sean Harris] Millions of years ago. That is the idea. That this what a scientist would say. Right? Presently it is salt.

[Luke Marie] Correct.

[Sean Harris] Like salt that you pick up and you put in your mouth and it is bitter or does anyone do that or...?

[Jessica Marie] You could lick it and it would just taste like table salt.

[Sean Harris] Like when I go to the beach and I swim in the ocean and I kind of that residue on my body, is that the same idea?

[Luke Marie] It is actually harvested in one town called {?}. They have the rights to harvest the salt. And it is processed—and I use that term loosely—and then it is sold throughout Bolivia as table salt.

[Jessica Marie] And the process is simply sticking it in an oven where it will burn off the moisture, running it through a hopper to grind it up finer. They add a handful of iodine and they bag it up and that is what you eat.

[Sean Harris] Now this is the salt that I previously was walking on?

[Luke Marie] Correct.

[Jessica Marie] Yes and we like to joke that we might be eating some of the salt that we have been walking on.

[Sean Harris] Oh. I am little repulsed at that. So it is a little bit gross. But, you know, we are not here to give the listening audience just a geography lesson, although we think that is important to know geography. There is something incredibly special that happened for you guys in this salt sea.

[Luke Marie] Right.

[Sean Harris] And when did this happen? When did this... what was the month and what was the year that this special event that we want our listeners to listen to, when did it happen?

[Jessica Marie] It was in January of 2009.

[Sean Harris] January of 2009. So it is 2013 and it is March about four years ago. So that would have put your children at an infant and...

[Luke Marie] Three years old.

[Sean Harris] A three year old and an infant. And you are in Bolivia and you are doing what trip?

[Luke Marie] We were finishing up our language and we felt impressed to do a survey trip and find where God would have us minister specifically.

[Sean Harris] So you were already called to Bolivia. Is that right? You knew you were supposed to be in Bolivia, but now we are trying to find within Bolivia where are we going to build a church.

[Luke Marie] That is right.

[Sean Harris] That its he focus. The language is...

[Luke Marie] Spanish predominantly.

[Jessica Marie] Primarily Spanish.

[Sean Harris] Predominantly Spanish. And so you learned it?

[Luke Marie] We had learned it. Yes, sir.

[Sean Harris] Ok and now we have got to figure out where are we going to plant that church and then we are going to go back and try to raise support. Is that where... or do we already have support?

[Jessica Marie] We have support.

[Luke Marie] We already have support. We are there.

[Sean Harris] Ok, And we are going to focus on starting a church somewhere.

[Luke Marie] Correct.

[Jessica Marie] And we had taken a survey trip in November, two months before this time and had traveled all around Bolivia finding out what churches, what were the religious there, the need and praying all along where God wanted us and God had impressed Uyuni upon our hearts.

[Sean Harris] Uni is a...

[Jessica Marie] Uyuni is the tow that the salt desert is named for or the town is named of the salt desert, I am not sure which.

[Sean Harris] Ok.

[Luke Marie] It sits 12 to 15 miles outside of the desert.

[Sean Harris] Ok, we are looking at that picture, Luke. And our listener can look at it.

[Luke Marie] It would be on this far eastern side right where it kind of comes to appoint here. Just below that point.

[Sean Harris] Ok, so it is 12 o'clock is the top of this circle of a sea. It would be the one, two, the three o'clock position.

[Luke Marie] Just about four o'clock.

[Sean Harris] About four o'clock is where it would be. So we want you, if you can... and not if you are driving down the road, but if you are listening to the podcast at home, it might be helpful to pull up the Wikipedia article and look at this diagram, this... not diagram... this is satellite imagery of this salt sea. I am going to use that expression, solar.

All right. Where are we at and where are we going? And let's use the clock directions, because that will kind of help our listener.

[Luke Marie] We were visiting the town of Uyuni which is at about that four o'clock.

[Sean Harris] Ok.

[Jessica Marie] For the second time with the intent of moving there, looking at apartments and...

[Sean Harris] Ok.

[Luke Marie] Right. We spent a week there looking at our options. Where can we find a place to live, speaking with many people about the possibility of ... of moving there and starting a ministry there. And we felt impressed, part of that ministry would have been traveling around the salt desert and having opportunity to share the gospel in the myriad of little villages that are all around the salt desert.

[Sean Harris] All right. Help me understand, Jessica, why do we have villages around a salt desert? I mean, I understand why we have villages around a lake. But why do we have villages around a salt lake?

[Jessica Marie] Apparently, from what we understand the soil is really good for growing {}.

[Sean Harris] And what is {}?

[Jessica Marie] {} is a grain that is grown in South America. Apparently it is all the rage now with health food nuts.

[Sean Harris] Health food nuts.

[Luke Marie] Oh, she just called them nuts.

[Sean Harris] Right, right.

[Luke Marie] She really did.

[Sean Harris] Right. That is fine. I mean, I have a Mountain Dew in my hand, ok, so you are not going to offend me. Now, you guys are the ones who have...

[Jessica Marie] I like the...

[Sean Harris] ... drank nothing but water since I met you.

[Jessica Marie] It is a teeny tiny little grain.

[Sean Harris] All right. It is a little grain and they grow it around here.

[Jessica Marie] It grows very well around the salt desert. For whatever reason, the soil is perfect for it.

[Luke Marie] Nothing else grows because the soil is salted.

[Sean Harris] Ok, so we are growing now. We have got these small villages that most of us in America cannot even comprehend how they are living. Is that fair?

[Luke Marie] That is very fair.

[Sean Harris] No running water in some cases.

[Jessica Marie] In some cases I think some of them have electricity. I am not sure all of them do. Probably no indoor plumbing for a lot of them.

[Luke Marie] Actually, most of them do not have electricity. Some of them have these solar systems.

[Sean Harris] Ok.

[Jessica Marie] Right, right.

[Luke Marie] So that they can have some lighting and ...

[Sean Harris] Ok. McDonalds on every corner.

[Luke Marie] There is not a McDonalds in Bolivia.

[Sean Harris] Wow.

[Luke Marie] There are a burger... a few Burger King franchises in some of the other cities.

[Sean Harris] The large ones.

[Luke Marie] The large ones.

[Sean Harris] This is a very remote region.

[Luke Marie] This is very remote.

[Sean Harris] Ok, so continue. We are at this city. What prompts you to make a trip?

[Luke Marie] We in the November previous to ... to... I guess November of 2008 we had went on a tour. We felt that was the safest way to go out onto the desert and get familiar with it and the tour brought us up to that 12 o'clock position. As you look on the map you see a circular image.

[Sean Harris] Ok.

[Luke Marie] That is a volcano.

[Sean Harris] All right, so at the 12 o'clock position there is what appears to be, like you said, a circle. And there is a white kind of a dot in the middle of it and we assume that is the empty spot of the volcano.

[Luke Marie] That is the crater of the volcano.

[Sean Harris] The crater. Ok, very good. And that is our 12 o'clock position.

[Jessica Marie] Up over 18,000 feet above sea level.

[Sean Harris] The volcano is 18,000 feet above... the sea is 12,000.

[Luke Marie] Correct.

[Sean Harris] So we are way up there.

[Luke Marie] We are way put there. Now around that volcano there is extra fertile ground, because of all the minerals that are involved there.

[Sean Harris] Ok.

[Luke Marie] So because of the fertile ground we saw a map on that tour of... it showed 17 or 18 different villages. And we thought, wow, there is a cluster of people in this...

[Sean Harris] ... to be reached.

[Luke Marie] And this might be a great point of contact there.

So on our last day there in the town of Uyuni we talked with some of the locals. There are many, many tour agencies and we spoke to them about going over to the volcano and about ... what they thought of us speaking with the people. They all said, "Oh, yeah, there is many, many villages over there. That would be a great place for you to travel."

We asked them what precautions we ought to take with the vehicle. They told us, well, it is a one time trip. Spray the underbody with diesel. Drive slowly and you guys should be just fine.

[Sean Harris] Ok, so let's be sure. There is no roads on this. There is no stop signs.

[Luke Marie] That is right.

[Sean Harris] You are just driving.

[Luke Marie] You are just driving.

[Jessica Marie] We could see the volcano on the horizon and so we just pointed the nose of the truck towards the volcano and took off.

[Sean Harris] Do you have a GPS?

[Luke Marie] At this point no we did not have a GPS, but we did have compass on the... built in the dashboard of our truck.

[Sean Harris] So you have compass. What kind of truck? Describe the vehicle.

[Luke Marie] It was a Toyota Land Cruiser. That is pretty much the best vehicle to have there in Bolivia.

[Sean Harris] You borrowed it or...

[Luke Marie] We had purchased it.

[Sean Harris] Ok.

[Luke Marie] It was... it was an older vehicle and we had acquired it a few months before and we were very, very happy with it.

[Sean Harris] Ok. You are at the four o'clock position. You are going not travel to the 12 o'clock position which is basically kind of a diagonal movement, if you will.

[Luke Marie] Right.

[Sean Harris] How many miles is that, Luke?

[Luke Marie] It is 60 miles once you get onto the desert.

[Sean Harris] Ok, so you get on the edge of the desert to the edge of the... is 60 miles. How many more miles to the city?

[Luke Marie] Another 12 to 15 miles away.

[Sean Harris] Twelve to 15 miles away. Now around here that just sounds like not a whole lot.

[Luke Marie] Right.

[Sean Harris] But, you know, we go to Raleigh. Raleigh is right up the road and we go shopping up there and it is only 75 miles away. But there is a little bit of difference between traveling those 75 miles and these.

[Luke Marie] Correct.

[Sean Harris] Yeah. Talk to us about this speed that you can travel on this desert.

[Luke Marie] Well, for three to four months out of the year during the rainy season water actually accumulates and stands on the salt desert and so it was recommended to us that we go anywhere between 15 to 20 miles an hour because all that water, all that salted water is splashing up on your vehicle.

[Sean Harris] Ok. The rainy season is from when to when?

[Luke Marie] From about the beginning of December to the end of February. Sometimes it can start a little bit sooner and go a little bit longer.

[Sean Harris] Ok, so you are travelling...

[Jessica Marie] I think we traveled a little bit faster than that.

[Sean Harris] Ok, so you are traveling during the height of the rainy season. And you are just almost like hydroplaning, it seems like. I mean you are spraying water constantly.

[Luke Marie] Just water spraying everywhere.

[Jessica Marie] Right, because it is just a several inches of water and it is just very ... wherever you are at in the salt desert, but not very much. Just varying degrees, a couple of inches, but deeper toward the edge.

[Sean Harris] All right. We are making this trip. How is it going the first leg of it?

[Luke Marie] The first leg we made it all the way to volcano without any incident.

[Sean Harris] Do you remember how long it took you?

[Jessica Marie] Maybe between two to three hours, because we were driving slow.

[Sean Harris] Ok. So we get there, what happens?

[Luke Marie] We get there and we approached the first village and there wasn't a soul to be seen and we saw laundry hung up. We saw smoke coming out of one of the windows. They don't really do chimneys.

[Sean Harris] Ok.

[Luke Marie] And we tried some doors. Nobody wanted to answer...

[Sean Harris] Door to door evangelism wasn't working, huh?

[Luke Marie] Not so much.

[Sean Harris] Ok.

[Luke Marie] And then we traveled over to another one of the villages on the road. We saw three people and we tried to engage them in conversation and they weren't having...

[Jessica Marie] Just not very talkative.

[Luke Marie] ... any of that either. We arrived in the next town and same thing, nobody was around. Go to the next one and nobody was around. By this time it was around three or 3:30 in the afternoon and so we decided we had better make the return trip before dark came. And that was when we had talked with some people in Uyuni and told them, "Look, we will be back by supper time," so that somebody would be expecting us.

[Sean Harris] Ok, so your intent was to go... this was a day trip. You were going to go over there, check it out for a little bit. It is only 60 miles away. We will do 20 miles an hour. That is a three hour trip that way, a three hour trip back. And we will be done with this.

[Luke Marie] Right.

[Sean Harris] That was the idea.

[Luke Marie] That was...

[Jessica Marie] That was, yeah, that was the plan.

[Sean Harris] Ok, what kind of provisions did you have with you?

[Luke Marie] We had brought eight liters of water. We had some food. Haley, of course, was only eight months old. So we had all the necessities of a baby. We always travel with a whole bag full of tools and extra fuses and pieces of wire and all that sort of thing just in case, so we thought we were decently well off.

[Sean Harris] All right. So it is 3:30 in the afternoon and we are now traveling back for dinner.

[Luke Marie] Right. We were traveling back for dinner and we had traveled away and Jessica had wanted to take some more photos and it was...

[Sean Harris] You are a photographer?

[Jessica Marie] I do enjoy taking pictures. Well, both of us do. It is kind of a hobby.

[Sean Harris] Ok.

[Luke Marie] And so we stopped several times, because just amazing photos there when it is covered in the water. It is just this mirror image of everything else. And next thing you know the truck, the gauge for the heat went all the way to high and the truck cut off because it over heated.

[Sean Harris] So your engine is overheating and it shuts down.

[Luke Marie] Correct.

[Sean Harris] How long have you been traveling for?

[Jessica Marie] I am not sure. We estimated at the time that we thought we went about 40 miles. So another two hours maybe?

[Luke Marie] Right. That was at 4:45. No, I guess if we left at 3:30 it was just over an hour out.

[Sean Harris] Ok.

[Luke Marie] And we ... the engine was off. I waited for the... I waited an hour for it to cool down. I tried to start the vehicle again. And it would not start. I went under the hood and I checked the fuses. The fuse to the ignition was blown. So I grabbed my Leatherman, pulled that fuse out, put a new fuse in, cranked it over. It fired up and then almost instantly died again. And I checked the fuse. It had blown again. So I swapped the fuse out again, cranked it up. It ran for about five seconds that time and then it shut off. And from that point on it never would start again.

So now we are into the later afternoon and we realized that nothing was going to be happening with this truck. I was trying to figure out how else I could get it started. I am not a mechanic. So...

[Sean Harris] Now what are you thinking right now, Jessica?

[Jessica Marie] My first thought was, oh, no big deal. I guess we will just walk out or maybe a tour will come along, until he did the math for me and we realized how much of a distance we still had to go and estimated how long it might actually take us to walk out. We thought maybe we had 20 to 25 miles left and if carrying two children we could only walk two miles an our we would have a 10 hour trip or longer.

And then the reality of it hit. Oh, this isn't something that can be fixed easily. So it was...

[Sean Harris] So you turned on your cell phone. You called AAA.

[Luke Marie] No cell phone service for about 30 miles.

[Sean Harris] No cell phone service.

[Jessica Marie] Or longer than that, probably, further than that.

[Sean Harris] Ok. So no ability to get a hold of anyone.

[Luke Marie] Correct.

[Sean Harris] And there isn't a road, per se, that someone can travel down that would just pass you and pull over and provide help.

[Luke Marie] No road. We had been following tire tracks, if you will, there on the desert. It was a route or people point there the front of the vehicle towards the volcano and they go. So...

[Sean Harris] So there is something that looks like it.

[Jessica Marie] Right. And the salt is so harsh and abrasive the it just eats people's tires up. So their, quote, unquote, roads are just tire tracks and everybody follows the tire tracks. So we were following some of those tire tracks back toward the entrance of the desert.

[Sean Harris] But you would need somebody that was traveling back from the volcano basically to hit your same path.

[Luke Marie] Right. And it is ... it is a commonly traveled route people always go out to see the volcano or they ... at the very least they go to the volcano and then from the volcano they are going back the way we were headed and it was likely that somebody would have passed by us. But we found out, the next day when we talked to some of the same tour agencies that we had talked to before we left that because the water gets deep and those that that rubber that is worn off and kind of makes a path, if you will, during the rainy season that rubber wears off and so people do not go over to the volcano during that time of the year. We did not have that information before we went, but...

[Jessica Marie] And at that rate...

[Luke Marie] But God knew exactly what he was doing.

[Jessica Marie] ... the salt desert gets thousands of visitors each year and the first time we had gone we passed a ton of people and so this time with the individuals that we talked to did not give us the warning that nobody actually went to the volcano this time of year. So we were expecting to pass a bunch of people on tours and then, of course, when we began walking out we were also hoping that a tour would pass by and pick us up.

[Sean Harris] So on the trip over did you pass anybody?

[Luke Marie] We did not.

[Sean Harris] No one.

[Jessica Marie] Not a soul.

[Sean Harris] All right. And so how about coming back until the vehicle stopped?

[Luke Marie] Never saw a soul.

[Jessica Marie] No. That was those tours who told us after the fact that nobody goes over there.

[Sean Harris] Ok.

[Jessica Marie] They all avoid that area, because of it being...

[Sean Harris] 40 miles back to the village where nobody knows you and wont' answer the door. And 20 miles the other direction where you came from and it is six o'clock at night.

[Luke Marie] It was... the sobering reality was that we were going to have to spend the night in the truck and spend the next day hiking out or hopefully having an encounter with one of the tour vehicles and carrying our daughters, getting them out...

[Sean Harris] How cold is it in the month of January now at night time?

[Luke Marie] We do not have an accurate temperature. Alls I can say is that night in the truck it was freezing cold.

[Jessica Marie] I would guess maybe it got down in the 40s, maybe.

[Luke Marie] We are not sure. But all we know is we were cold.

[Jessica Marie] It was pretty cold.

[Sean Harris] Ok, food.

[Luke Marie] We had the food that we had brought with us from the day before. We had not eaten all of our provisions. Plenty of water still.

[Sean Harris] All right.

[Luke Marie] And when we realized that we were going to be spending the night and that we were going to have to walk out, we remembered that we had been told stories of how others have gotten either broken down or get out there walking and especially during the rainy season if you get any amount of cloud or haze, then the glass like surface of the salt desert, that water makes a mirror and you lose all point of reference. You have no mountains to guide you by. And so we just prayed out to God and asked him to give us a clear day. Now the day that we traveled out it was a hazy day, but we could still see the volcano through the haze and we had our compass, but we knew we were going to be without compass now and we just prayed that God would give us clear skies and that he would give us a favorable temperature so that we could make this trek. Mind you, it is at 12,000 feet above sea level, that being another factor. Our bodies had been accustomed to 8000 feet, but 12,000 feet is another story still.

[Sean Harris] Ok, so everything is more difficult.

[Jessica Marie] Everything is more difficult. The temperatures are cooler, because of the elevation. So that night, I guess, we spent a lot of time praying like Luke said for good weather the next day and just for safety and that was a long night. But the next day God answered our prayer and gave us this beautiful crystal clear day. We could see the mountains in the distance where we knew the town was. The temperature we estimate to

be close to 70. We had sweatshirts on. We had sunglasses, our hoods pulled up, hats on. We did sunscreen. We took all the precautions we could, because at that elevation you can get sunburn very, very easily. So we were very well covered. And got started, I guess about 7:45 in the morning.

[Sean Harris] And you are just walking towards a mountain.

[Luke Marie] We were just walking towards a mountain.

[Sean Harris] You have no idea, really, how far you have to go.

[Luke Marie] Right. And I ... we armed ourselves with what we felt were the essentials. Jessica took the diaper bags so that we would have what we needed for Haley and I had a sling style backpack that I loaded up the eight liters of water and the food and whatever else we felt was important at the time and I had Haley and Jessica took Kyra and here was up and down and we just set off walking, hoping to encounter somebody. We did take our sunscreen, or the sunshade for the vehicle so that if we saw somebody we could wave that and it would glint the sun off of that and we might catch their attention.

We walked and walked and came to one point where there was a mound of salt that did not have any water and we sat down for a rest. And when we stood back up we realized that sitting down wasn't probably the smartest idea. Our muscles had tightened and we realized we probably shouldn't do that again.

Well, so the water was a blessing in that way in that it was motivation. We can't sit down in a pool of water. We just had to keep going.

[Jessica Marie] A blessing in disguise in that it kept us walking. Now something, I guess, that we should explain for our hearers, so that they understand why we needed to seek medical attention later, which I know we haven't discussed that yet, but when we first took off, set off we had socks and shoes on and quickly the water soaked into our socks and shoes and the salt in the water crystallized instantly and it is very, very abrasive and so our socks became this huge sandpaper and it would have rubbed our feet raw really quickly. And we had brought our flip flops because we knew there was water on the salt desert so we switched over to our flip flops and spent the rest of the time walking in flip flops. And it was that time, we spent about 10 hours in salt water walking and it was over those 10 hours that the salt just over time wore through our skin on our ankles, across our toes, across where the flaps of the flip flops, it would crystallize and adhere to that and that is where it cut the deepest grooves into our feet, especially Luke's because he had leather straps where I had just rubber straps and the salt did not...

[Sean Harris] Now tell me. Why didn't you go barefoot?

[Luke Marie] If you go ahead and look up the Salar de Uyuni on Wikipedia or look up images doing a Google search of that and you get a close up of the salt, it is highly, highly abrasive. It is rock salt. And ...

[Jessica Marie] Right. It is not soft. It is not like walking in sand it is rock hard.

[Sean Harris] It is not a beach.

[Luke Marie] It is not a beach at all.

[Jessica Marie] Rock hard and it is very, very course and rough. And it would just tear your feet up instantly.

[Luke Marie] There is a for instance. When we had taken the tour a couple of months earlier Kyra was running to us, tripped and fell down. Now she had long sleeves on and she landed on her elbow and the salt just tore her flesh away from her elbow. It is just highly abrasive. There would have been no way we could have gone barefoot.

[Sean Harris] Ok, so you are walking now with no socks. The water is swishing in between your toes and all up to your ankles.

[Jessica Marie] Sometimes, yeah.

[Sean Harris] And you are in salt water. And you are... you have got this friction being created between the point of contact of the shoe or the flip flop to your skin.

[Luke Marie] Right. And that... as the day wore on and our flesh wore off the discomfort became...

[Sean Harris] More difficult.

[Luke Marie] The discomfort became more difficult to bear. And as the grooves on the top of our feet wore deeper, had to start walking differently to try and avoid the more painful step and ultimately ended up pulling a muscle there in my foot.

Well, after it was about one o'clock and we saw a truck far, far, far, in the distance. This is the first vehicle we saw all day long. We waved our sunscreen. We could see the sun glinting off it, but they were just so far in the distance, they never even turned towards us. And it was at that point that we realized we have not seen a tour all day long or up to this point. We need to get off this track that we are on in the desert and we pointed our faces towards what looked like was going to be the closest land.

[Sean Harris] So now we are no longer pursuing the city. We are trying to get off the desert.

[Luke Marie] We are trying to get off the desert before night fall.

[Jessica Marie] Probably somewhere up here. So we are cutting in now.

[Sean Harris] Ok, so, Jessica, split the difference in half. If you have got your map and she went to what would be about the 1:30 or two o'clock position. That is kind of what you were trying to do here.

Now I have got to tell you. What was it like to see the vehicle? That must have been exciting?

[Jessica Marie] It was disappointing, but I think I can speak for both of us in that the entire day... now the night before was a whole lot more difficult, but when the actual day arrived and we got started it was survival took over and I don't remember really feeling anything other than keep going. That is all we can do. We have got to keep on going. We are going to get out of here.

[Sean Harris] Ok. So what...

[Luke Marie] At that point when we turned towards the land and realized there is no tour coming, there is no tour coming. There is no sense in following this track, we... our goal was to get off the desert by... before nightfall because the temperatures drop and the last thing we wanted was to be stuck out there exposed to the elements.

[Sean Harris] Now what the listener is probably not thinking about is it would be... you are going to find a spot where there isn't water.

[Luke Marie] Right.

[Jessica Marie] The water and temperatures drop.

[Luke Marie] And we hadn't seen a spot like that for hours.

[Sean Harris] Right. It is not like you are going to lay down in water and enjoy the night.

[Jessica Marie] And the closer you get to the edge of the salt desert, the water keeps getting deeper so you are less and less likely to find a dry spot.

[Sean Harris] Ok.

[Luke Marie] Land looked awfully close, but from that point that we turned it was still four hours before we reached land and as Jessica mentioned, the closer we got to land, the deeper the water got and...

[Sean Harris] Now tell us what is happening with your children.

[Luke Marie] God put Haley in a slumber the whole day.

[Jessica Marie] Our youngest.

[Luke Marie] She was eight months old and she just slept in my arms.

[Sean Harris] How are you carrying her, Luke?

[Luke Marie] I had her in the front of me and I was cradling her with both arms.

[Sean Harris] Now, Luke, that must have gotten exhausting. I mean, just holding your arm straight out with nothing in it gets exhausting. How was that working for you?

[Luke Marie] It didn't take very long at all for my muscles and across my back and my shoulders to begin to get knotted. But there was no option. I can't set her down. So for hours really there was the knots and tension all across my back and across my shoulders.

After eight and a half hours of holding Haley my left arm actually did give out and I had to pass Haley to Jessica and poor Kyra, she was only three. She wanted her daddy to pick her up.

[Sean Harris] She is tired of walking at this point.

[Luke Marie] She is tired of walking at this point.

[Sean Harris] The joy is over with of running around in the water.

[Jessica Marie] At that point, because he had to kind of drag her along.

[Luke Marie] The water was getting deeper.

[Jessica Marie] The water is getting deeper. But leading up to that and this is part of God's goodness to us, the Kyra has never liked to walk. She has always preferred a stroller. She has never been a walker. And this day she was thought she was in the park and we estimated between being up and down that maybe she walked about four hours that day just having fun, never complaining, never crying. And at this point she was not very happy about being drug the last, about the last hour, I guess. But once we got off of the salt desert, she was happy again, which is the grace of God. And then, of course, Luke mentioned Haley sleeping all day long, which is unusual. Usually babies are more active than that, especially eight months old. But God just...

[Sean Harris] Now are you stopping and changing diapers? Or is that not necessary?

[Jessica Marie] Only... only the two times we stopped. There were twice we stopped very briefly for some food and water and, to be honest, we weren't hungry. We weren't

thirsty, but we know that we needed it so we forced ourselves to eat and drink something. And at that time we fed her and changed her diaper and kept going.

[Luke Marie] There wasn't exactly a dry place to lay her down and change the diaper.

[Sean Harris] Right.

[Jessica Marie] Well, the two times we stopped was when we found two mounds of salt and it was dry, fairly dry. Other than that we didn't stop at all. In fact, I am not sure we saw another dry spot after that.

[Sean Harris] Ok, so you are walking the land and what are you seeing?

[Luke Marie] As we approached land we saw three vehicles go by and we were waving that sun shield like crazy.

[Jessica Marie] But they were still pretty far off in the distance.

[Luke Marie] As we said, it took four hours to hit that land.

[Jessica Marie] Right it was just several more hours before we reached land after that.

[Luke Marie] So we were waving that. They never saw us. We were hoping that they would catch the glimmer on the salt desert and their curiosity would be piqued, but they never stopped. They kept going. But it gave us hope that there is a road there.

So we finally hit land and it was a couple of hundred yards to get up to where the road was and we crossed that area which was an area that had been tilled and used for crops and it was very, very soft soil. We were sinking into our knees. So now that is grinding dirt into those nice wounds that we have on our feet.

[Sean Harris] So you are done in the water and you feet are tore up to pieces.

[Luke Marie] Right.

[Sean Harris] And now you are getting dirt into all those cuts.

[Luke Marie] Right. And we finally traversed those couple of hundred yards and we got to what we were hoping was a road and it was in the sense that vehicles travel on it, but it was just as small path. And we...

[Jessica Marie] A small dirt path.

[Luke Marie] And we were just hoping and praying that somebody else would come. We were able to walk for an additional hour, but now that we were outside of the salt water, again, the salt water was a blessing and a curse. It is what did the damage, but it is

also what soothed the wounds now that the skin was exposed to the open air. The burns began to flare up. The skin became...

[Jessica Marie] Right at this point our ... after traveling all day our feet are also very sunburned. Add that on top of having all the cuts from the chunks of salt in the water. Yes, so our feet were definitely hurting a whole lot more. And so we ... we saw in the distance what looked like a building and we finally made it up there and it was not a building, it was just a rocky outcrop that the locals had turned into a grave yard. They had created tombs and tunneled back in the rocks and had created their cemetery there. And so that is where ...

[Sean Harris] But at this point you haven't seen anyone.

[Luke Marie] We haven't seen anybody.

[Sean Harris] And you have been off the desert for at least an hour.

[Luke Marie] An hour, right. And the sun was setting. Temperatures were dropping rapidly and just due to the fact that we had the burns and the injuries to our feet it felt, I am sure it felt colder than it probably was. But our bodies were reaching to that.

And throughout the day, I failed to mention, I knew there was no cell service. But I continued to turn ... power up my phone and just see.

[Sean Harris] Right, right.

[Luke Marie] And as we approached that rocky outcrop where the tombs were I powered up my cell phone. The battery is now flashing. And all of the sudden I saw a flicker in the reception. And mind you there is no cell service.

[Jessica Marie] There are no towers for miles and miles.

[Luke Marie] And I saw that and we walked a little bit closer and I got a solid bar.

[Sean Harris] Ok.

[Jessica Marie] And I made some phone calls and we were ultimately able to get in contact with some friends that we had made in Uyuni and we ... they actually have a tour business as well. And I contacted them. I explained to them what I was seeing. This is where we are. And they said they expressed their concern for us. They said, "You never showed up for dinner." That is... they have a tour and a restaurant and a hotel. That is where we were going to go for dinner. They said, "We have been so worried about you. We didn't think you would leave without coming and saying good bye." And they said, "We would send somebody out but nightfall is coming. We have no idea where you are. If you can give us a better reference, we will come.

[Sean Harris] But you can't say the corner of Main Street and...

[Jessica Marie] Right, no road names.

[Sean Harris] Nothing. No signs.

[Jessica Marie] No signs. Nothing around. We just knew more or less that we were at a northeastern side of the salt desert, east of the volcano, but north of the town.

[Sean Harris] Ok.

[Luke Marie] And so as the reality sunk in that they are not going to be able to find us tonight we began thinking about what are our options. Temperature is dropping. We physically cannot walk anymore at this point. We have to get our babies warm. And so we talked about pulling aside some of the stones to one of the entrances to the tombs and crawling in as long as there is enough space, crawling in as a family so that we could huddle together, be out of the wind and share that body heat and see if hopefully some of those vehicles that had traveled earlier in the day maybe they would be going back out to their fields and we might be able to catch somebody then. And we had come to the point where we said, "Well, this is what we have to do." And it was at that moment in time that we saw headlights in the distance. And as it approached I told Jessica, "Jessica, I can't walk. Can you go out there? Wave these people down." We were not far off the road. And as these people approached and Jessica hobbled out, we didn't even think about the humor of the situation, if you will. They were very, very superstitious....

[Jessica Marie] Especially about grave yards {?}

[Luke Marie] And so here is this white apparition hobbling, not walking like a normal person, but hobbling out of the grave yard. And they... I believe they stopped in fear to begin with, but as Jessica communicated with them they realized ok, this is a real person. And then as she shared what had happened and they all got out of their vehicle graciously and...

[Jessica Marie] Except for the driver.

[Luke Marie] And had us load up in the vehicle and that driver took us to a town by the name of {?}

[Jessica Marie] ... which is the entrance to the desert.

[Luke Marie] That is the entrance to the desert. We are still 12 to 15 miles away from Uyuni and it was there we were able to then contact our friends and say, "We are in {?}." And they came and they got us and brought us back.

[Sean Harris] Is it midnight at this point? Is it 10 o'clock at night? How late is it?

[Jessica Marie] Maybe nine, eight, nine.

[Luke Marie] I honestly don't remember.

[Jessica Marie] I think it was about 7:30 when we saw the car and it took us about a half an hour to get to the town. So maybe about eight. Maybe 8:30 getting to Uyuni.

[Luke Marie] So we get to Uyuni and our feet were getting progressively worse and there was a lot of swelling. The skin was, at least on Kyra and myself. Now Kyra just had burned the second degree burn. It ended up being all over her face, blisters covering her face and that was the case with me as well. Kyra and I are fair skinned. Jessica and Haley have good olive complexion so they had bad burns, but they didn't suffer from the second degree burns. Blisters formed all over my feet. Again, there was swelling. We knew we needed to seek medical help. And...

[Jessica Marie] And let me add, by God's grace, even though Kyra had walked a good bit in the salt water, she had nothing on her feet, not even a sunburn, which I am not really sure how she escaped all of that. But no wounds, no cuts from the salt water.

[Sean Harris] What was she wearing on her feet?

[Jessica Marie] She had crocs, the crocs with holes in them.

[Sean Harris] Ok.

[Jessica Marie] So I guess the salt water swished in and out, but...

[Luke Marie] But didn't cut her at all, which is just amazing.

[Sean Harris] Yeah, I can't imagine how it would be to have a four year old, a three year old with you with her feet cut up. I mean, she would be crying incessantly.

[Luke Marie] Right.

[Sean Harris] And you would be so helpless to do anything to help her.

[Jessica Marie] Right. And God kept her safe and kept her happy.

[Sean Harris] So the listener is kind of thinking, oh, this is the story. God kept you all safe. But we haven't even really got to the point yet, have we?

[Luke Marie] Right. We have not even gotten to the point.

[Sean Harris] All right. Let's drive on.

[Luke Marie] So in traveling to Uyuni, this is, again, the place that we were convinced we had spent much time praying about Uyuni as a potential place for ministry. We were so serious that we went to find a place that we could rent to be able to move there. In traveling to Uyuni we had passed the city {?} two times. And it is a great place to stop and have a real room, a real bed, a bathroom. And so we stopped there to lay our heads at rest. We had known that there was a ministry there, a single missionary lady that was ministering to a small group of deaf and her heart was to reach all of the deaf of the city, but both times we had passed through she wasn't there. We were not impressed of the Lord at that time to go out of our way to stop there. We were planning on going to the hearing.

[Jessica Marie] Right, we thought God had called us to be church planters to the uttermost. We were headed to remote regions and mostly remote regions you are going to encounter hearing people. So we had intended on planting a hearing church.

[Sean Harris] All right. Where is this city that you are talking about in relationship to the four o'clock and the 12 o'clock on the map?

[Luke Marie] Go three o'clock and it was an overland trip from three o'clock, about... that trip was an eight hour trip.

[Sean Harris] Now why are you going here?

[Luke Marie] We had to seek medical attention.

[Sean Harris] Ok, so eight o'clock at night we are getting into somebody else's vehicle? Spent the night?

[Luke Marie] No, no. We ... we had to spend the night. I... we actually had to spend two more days, actually three more nights after that, you could not leave the vehicle on the salt desert. We were informed that we could get in big trouble if you just leave a stranded vehicle. We needed to recover it anyways, but we knew we needed the medical help, but they suggested, our friends suggested you need to take care of this before you go do anything else.

So I actually had to go back out onto the salt desert in somebody else's vehicle and I pointed them in the direction that our white truck on the white salt desert was and by God's grace we drove right to it. We pulled it off without breaking down again. And now that the truck is off the desert, a couple of days later we were able to hire a person in their private vehicle to drive us the eight hours to the city of {?}.

[Jessica Marie] Right, because at this point we tried to get bus tickets, but all the bus tickets were sold. So we had to hire a person with their private vehicle to take us.

[Sean Harris] So we are going here to get medical aid.

[Luke Marie] To get medical aid in our minds, but God has a much bigger plan in mind. So we finally were put in contact with the single missionary lady and she instantly and graciously opened up her home and she said, "You just stay with me for as long as you need to while you recover."

So we arrived in {?}. We went and visited a doctor who also was not of any help to us. He sprayed on some iodine and suggested a cream. And that was it. And if you were to look at our feet, I mean, they were extremely swollen.

[Sean Harris] Do you have pictures?

[Jessica Marie] We do have pictures. They kind of look like. I told Luke his feet look like a dead man's feet.

[Sean Harris] Wow.

[Jessica Marie] Swollen and blistered and disgusting.

[Sean Harris] Ok.

[Luke Marie] And so she took us to her house. At this point, neither of us could bare to stand up. There was no walking. We were laid up.

[Sean Harris] Who is taking care of your baby?

[Jessica Marie] Back in Uyuni the friends that we had made put us into their hotel which we had been staying in a less expensive hotel. And they just brought us over. They wouldn't let us pay them back. Their ladies in the kitchen watched the girls for us. They are the ones who brought in the doctor. They helped us find a man...

[Sean Harris] Are these saved people or unsaved people?

[Luke Marie] Unsaved people.

[Jessica Marie] Unsaved people that even to this day...

[Sean Harris] ...are just showing you common grace.

[Luke Marie] That is correct.

[Jessica Marie] Yes. And we are friends to this day and sill paying for them and witnessing to them and, Lord willing, some day we will see them saved.

[Luke Marie] And we... that was ... that is another aspect of this story is that through God allowing us to go through this, that opened up doors for us to share the gospel with people...

[Jessica Marie] So many people.

[Luke Marie] That just seeing us they might avoid us.

[Sean Harris] Right.

[Luke Marie] But they found out, oh, you are the family that was stranded on the salt desert. And they said, “What are you still doing here?”

[Sean Harris] Right.

[Luke Marie] Why don't you... why are you in Bolivia? You are from America. Everything is better in America. What are you doing here? And we could respond to that question and say, “Well, we are here, because we serve a God who is so great and so mighty and if we had a message to share.”

[Sean Harris] So you were at this house, this lady is providing medical care to you, hospitality, taking care of your daughters.

[Jessica Marie] She is. And because she had a ministry with the deaf, she invited the deaf over to her house almost every day that we were there. We were there for almost three weeks. And during that time we learned that these deaf people had been paying for 10 years that somebody would come and preach to them in their own language.

[Sean Harris] Now that is ... that point right there, Jessica, is really climactic to this conversation, isn't it?

[Luke Marie] Absolutely.

[Sean Harris] We pray for things for 10 minutes around here.

[Jessica Marie] Sure.

[Sean Harris] Ten days is like a really long time.

[Jessica Marie] {} discouraged.

[Sean Harris] Right. If we pray for something for 10 days that was just an amazing amount of... that was quite the prayer. Ten days I prayed, Lord. And they communicated to you guys that they had been praying for 10 years.

[Luke Marie] Ten years.

[Sean Harris] So let's thin about this now. This is 2009. Where were you guys at 10 years, 1999? Where were you at?

[Luke Marie] First year in college for me.

[Sean Harris] Bob Jones University?

[Luke Marie] Bob Jones University.

[Jessica Marie] And I was playing with musical ministry for a year out of high school.

[Sean Harris] Just... just consider that. You are out of high school. You are a freshman at Bob Jones. You are soon to be a freshman at Bob Jones, I guess, the next year.

[Jessica Marie] I went in 2000. Yeah.

[Sean Harris] Ok. And there are people praying and you are going to be an instrument of answering that prayer a decade later. We can't even conceive of that. That is incomprehensible to the listener. Are you getting this? God is orchestrating this.

So that must have touched your hearts when you began to hear that.

[Luke Marie] It really touched our hearts.

[Sean Harris] And I say hear. I am using that term loosely, because they are communicating to you in sign language.

[Luke Marie] Right.

[Jessica Marie] Right and which Luke ... I am not sure if we have mentioned.

[Sean Harris] We haven't.

[Jessica Marie] But he has grown up with a deaf friend at home in New Hampshire where he grew up and then later at college had deaf roommates and went on to interpret in our home church.

[Sean Harris] So it is almost as though God is preparing you for this your entire life.

[Luke Marie] He absolutely has.

[Sean Harris] What an amazing God we serve.

[Jessica Marie] And I guess maybe we are blind to it. We just had our eyes focused on what we thought God wanted us to do, not that we ever said no, because we knew that that was a talent he had. We were open to it, but maybe we weren't open enough. But God had a big plan to lead us there. And not just to lead us there, but it has impacted our

lives and it has impacted many people's lives as we have been able to share what God has done through it. And we have been able to give the gospel...

[Sean Harris] To what degree did you fall in love with the people? How did that happen?

[Luke Marie] To this degree. I always ... I have had a situation, I grew up with a deaf friend, very, very close. And then my friends from college we were all very, very close. But Jessica didn't know sign language. And whenever we would get together with me and my friends, I am talking back here in the United States. She could never communicate with them and she always kind of felt ...

[Sean Harris] Sure.

[Luke Marie] ... as an outsider.

[Sean Harris] Right.

[Luke Marie] And so as we prepared to go to Bolivia we did say, well, we told churches, I do sign language. And you never know, God might do something with that. But Jessica had never felt anything towards the deaf, not out of a spite or anything like that, but when we were there and they shared with us that they had been praying for 10 years...

[Sean Harris] Jessica, can you remember when you heard that? Can you? I mean, I just can't conceive of there you are... you are laid up.

[Jessica Marie] I don't have a remembrance of the exact moment or just that time frame of them conveying that message to us and just being impressed that here is an unreached people group, too, even though they are in the middle of the city, because truly deaf are neglected and in that particular city there, as far as I know, other than this lady, that there had not been anybody there to reach out to them and give them the gospel, except for the Jehovah witnesses.

[Luke Marie] And I really knew that it was God moving when Jessica and I are talking to each other later and Jessica said, "Luke, I am completely open to a ministry to the deaf if God is leading us that way." And that is the first time she had ever said anything like that.

And we began praying over it and seeking God's will. God, is this really what you have? And when we see this great need here? We still have a heart for Uyuni, but is this where you would have us to go? And it was not long and God confirmed that in our hearts and we committed to move to {?} and two and a half months later we moved over. We picked up life where we were and it moved eight hours to the city of {?} and began from that moment working with the deaf.

[Sean Harris] Now this is... this is a location that you would have never went to other than just traveling to. Is it the big city? Is that how you get in and out of it?

[Jessica Marie] It is a city kind of central in Bolivia and it is actually really not on the way to anything. You know, most people go to the other bigger cities except, unless you are on one side of the city and you are passing through to get to the salt desert. But a lot of tourists go to this city and other than the people who live there, it is not really a city that anybody goes to.

[Sean Harris] So this is not a coincidence.

[Luke Marie] This is absolutely not a coincidence.

[Jessica Marie] No. Ordained by God.

[Sean Harris] Now outside of this exceptionally tragic, traumatic breakdown survival you would not have went to that city.

[Luke Marie] We would not have gone to that city.

[Jessica Marie] Actually no.

[Sean Harris] If your vehicle had not broken down, if you hadn't stopped and just kept going. You ...

[Jessica Marie] I think we would be living in Uyuni.

[Luke Marie] Right.

[Jessica Marie] In an entirely different ministry.

[Sean Harris] All right, Luke. What I think what I find so amazing about this is the linkage of our missions conference theme which came out of Acts chapter 10. And so lets just be real brief. The uniqueness of Acts chapter 10 is that God goes out of his way to link Peter up with Cornelius.

[Luke Marie] Right.

[Sean Harris] You know, 30 miles apart both of them having visions. You are seeing an angel. You are having a vision. You go down there, get Peter, get him up there. You need to hear this message. And it just becomes this amazing example from a biblical text of how God orchestrates the salvation of Cornelius. And so, you know, we are so guilty, Jessica, of thinking, well, that was cool and God did that 2000 years ago. But I mean this is now and it is the 21st century and I have an iPhone and Google and, I mean, God is not that involved anymore. I mean, I understand back then, but what we have here in your situation is an Acts chapter 10 event in the year 2009.

[Luke Marie] Yeah.

[Sean Harris] I mean, it was a 30 mile trek from Joppa to Caesarea. You had to hike 20 plus miles to link up with a vehicle that would provide your survival, get you to a town where there is good medical treatment. You said that the first doctor you saw provided virtually nothing. And you have to get ... you can get infections at this point. We have had church members that have gotten infections in their foot and actually had to be amputated here.

[Jessica Marie] Wow.

[Sean Harris] In America.

[Jessica Marie] Our feet were definitely infected, because they were very swollen at this point and we could barely walk.

[Sean Harris] Right. And so this is absolutely critical that you go from ... and who is going to provide medical care for you and there is no Blue Cross and Blue Shield and all this thing that we just take for granted and God says go here to this house and this lady will minister to you guys.

[Luke Marie] Yeah.

[Sean Harris] A woman you have never met before.

[Luke Marie] Right.

[Jessica Marie] Never met and she was incredibly gracious.

[Luke Marie] You have no idea who she was up to this point. And she becomes this instrument of God's grace to you guys.

[Luke Marie] Absolutely.

[Sean Harris] For how many weeks were you laid up?

[Luke Marie] Just a hair under three weeks.

[Sean Harris] Right, unbelievable. And God does all that. So tell us, Luke. What is your website so that we can go on here and we can see pictures and we can learn more about it?

[Luke Marie] The website is www.4TheGospelsSake.com.

[Sean Harris] 4TheGospelsSake.com.

[Jessica Marie] No apostrophe.

[Sean Harris] Oh, no apostrophe. Of course. I am just trying to be grammatically correct.

[Jessica Marie] dot com.

[Sean Harris] So it is 4TheGospelsSake.com. And this is where we can get contact information.

[Luke Marie] This is where you can get contact information.

[Sean Harris] Email you.

[Luke Marie] Right.

[Sean Harris] Tell you that we have been encouraged by this podcast if we want to support your ministry, if we have deaf people that we want to bring to your attention so you begin praying for them. We want to get behind what you are doing. You have still got four more months that you are in the States, is that right?

[Luke Marie] That is correct. Or...

[Sean Harris] More? How much more time?

[Luke Marie] We are here to September. We are ...

[multiple voices]

[Sean Harris] All right, so September is the ninth month. This is the third month. So six more months. So do you have any Sundays open or are you available to go preach and share your ministry?

[Luke Marie] We do have some Sundays still open.

[Jessica Marie] Yes. It would probably be best to call and check the calendar.

[Sean Harris] Ok.

[Jessica Marie] But we would love to visit more churches and share our burden and even share this story for God's glory.

[Sean Harris] Where are you working out of?

[Luke Marie] Wherever our van is parked at the moment.

[Sean Harris] Ok, so you don't even have a home.

[Luke Marie] We do not have a home.

[Sean Harris] Wow. Ok. And so you need churches to get behind you. How much money are we still trying to get to get back on the field, Luke?

[Luke Marie] Just about 1500 more dollars a month.

[Sean Harris] Ok, so you need some supporting churches.

[Luke Marie] We do.

[Sean Harris] Absolutely. And we are... we want to help and we want to encourage you. If you are a pastor, if you are a listener and your pastor needs to get behind this endeavor, if you want Luke to come and Jessica and share this story in person and you guys have pictures that you can show. And is your video... tell us where your YouTube video is? How can we find that?

[Luke Marie] The YouTube video is under the About Us tab there on our website.

[Sean Harris] And the YouTube video we are going to see pictures about... of this salt desert.

[Luke Marie] Correct.

[Sean Harris] And you...

[Jessica Marie] ... will tell the story about getting stranded in the salt desert and God graciously rescuing us and introducing us to our current ministry and then we will give details about where we are working and what the people group are like and what our ministry is all in that video.

[Sean Harris] All right. Well we certainly do... Berean appreciates the fact that you sat down at the mic with us and that you have shared your story and we are going to do our very best to get this out to as many people as we can. And we pray that God will bless this.

[Luke Marie] Thank you so much.

[Jessica Marie] Thank you. We appreciate that.