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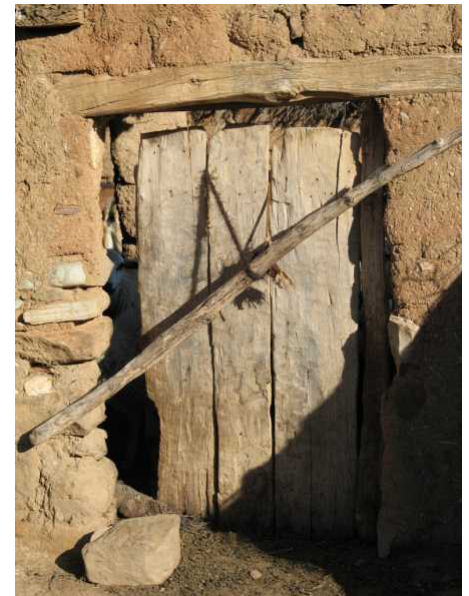
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“Tell all the **people**  
 that you see  
**Set** them **free...**”  
 the doors

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**1** *Store room door in Molle Molle.*  
"Your room doesn't have a door, it's going to be cold tonight" they said to us as we pulled our sleeping bags and rugs out to spend the night. Lawrence rigged up a rope and draped a tarp over the entrance so that we'd be warmer. We had been invited to a church conference in a Quechua village about 3 hours from Sucre called Molle Molle. We had been there a couple of years ago and were surprised to find it now has electricity, but still no clean water or sewage facilities. Our girls had a great time playing in the river, scaring piglets and chasing chickens. Lawrence saw over 40 patients and gave 4 talks on church growth. Meanwhile Liling taught the village children about Elijah. Once again we were touched by the warmth and hospitality of the Quechua people who shared generously from the little they have. Thank the Lord for the open doors we have to serve Him through serving the Quechua people.

**2** *Door leading to our room in Molle Molle.*  
"Donaldo? The Gringo? Yes, I remember him! His son Pigru was born in Cochabamba." said an old Quechua man in his 80s. He was referring to Don and Cathy Gale, pioneer Australian missionaries with the Andes Evangelical Mission that later merged with SIM, who worked in this region of the Andes mountains in the 1960s. Peter, their son, helped start a radio station 7 years ago that broadcasts news, devotions, bible studies and music in Quechua to millions of people who live in isolated areas in Bolivia and neighbouring countries. This has opened doors for the gospel to be spread all over Bolivia.

**3** *Driver's side door, Tan van.*  
Many of you will have been praying about the construction of the Tan van. This has proved to be quite a slow and frustrating process for us, but the Lord has been teaching us patience and to rely on Him. The initial delivery date (late December) has well and truly passed, and with the help of a Bolivian Christian lawyer and the SIM administrator we signed a new contract with the company that imposes hefty fines per day of late delivery starting from March 7th. At the time of writing the painting still needs to be finished; furniture installed; and roof rack, roof bar etc

constructed and bolted on. They have made provision for the solar panels, 12 volt fridge, and portable toilet we brought from Australia to be built into the vehicle. Please pray that they will deliver a reliable and well-constructed vehicle that will be used for the Lord's glory through Project Walkabout.

**4** *Gate to Mopar, the bus factory.*  
"When one door closes another door opens; but we so often look so long and so regretfully upon the closed door, that we do not see the ones which open for us." (Helen Keller) Through many frequent visits to Mopar, we have got to know the gatekeeper, who turns out to have stopped drinking and become a Christian about 7 years ago. Eugenio is now a lay preacher in his local congregation. He is an encouragement to us and a typical Bolivian church leader with little training but a thirst for knowing God. We have tried to help by lending him Christian books and training materials. As it turns out, the delays in the bus construction have been part of God's plan because with frequent landslides and boggy roads, travelling in the vehicle during rainy season would have been quite risky. Besides, the whole public service system in Bolivia has been undergoing re-structuring following national elections in December, so Lawrence will need to develop good relationships with the new health personnel in Sucre when they are appointed this month.

**5** *Door to Alex, Maddie and Annie's new school, the Tan van.*  
"I want to stay home and do school with Mummy as well!" squealed Annie, age 4, reluctantly making her way out the door for kindergarten. Alex and Maddie

started Sydney Distance Education Primary School in January. The material is great and we really enjoy doing school together. School work is sent to us weekly and we send completed work back to Sydney for correction. Alex and Maddie have their teacher in Sydney who communicates with them via cassette tape. Liling will be doing some pre-school work with Annie, although Annie will also attend a Bolivian kindergarten while in Sucre. We are looking forward to the visit of a friend in August who will help supervise the kids' schooling for a couple of months to free Liling up for other ministries.

**6** *Door to sheep corral, Molle Molle.*  
"I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture." (John 10:9) Jesus is the door to the sheep corral, and at the same time, the shepherd who lays down His life for His sheep, in order to give them life abundantly. Pray for the 10 million Quechua people in South America, of whom 3 million live in Bolivia. Pray that these sheep will hear His voice and enter the Kingdom of God through the only Door. Pray that God will continue to protect them from thieves and false teachers. Pray for us as we seek to equip pastors/shepherds to care for them.

**7** *Alex and Eva*  
Alex, Maddie and Annie are getting used to playing with different people in the various places we travel to. Pray that the Lord will provide them with good friends in each place that we visit and later return to, and that these relationships will be a way into the hearts of these children so they may find Jesus.

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### The Tan van was finally delivered on March 16th!

It turned out to be a bit larger than we expected. The next day we drove back from Cochabamba to Sucre with the help of a couple of SIM friends. The van did fine with only 3 flat tyres on the 12 hour drive, and the main driver, Lawrence, has recovered from his crash course (not literally) in bus driving. Thank you to all those who prayed for travel safety. Pray for us as we do some minor adjustments to the van and plan the exact when and where of our trips in coordination with various church and health authorities.