

MISSION OF HOPE, BOLIVIA NEWSLETTER

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HOSPITAL UPDATE

It's official! "Mision de Esperanza," which means "Mission of Hope" in Spanish, is now a legal, non-profit, **tax-exempt organization in the country of Bolivia!**

We are hard at work in our new clinic! During the **heavy rains** of January and February, it seemed that water was leaking in everywhere. We have just finished putting on a **new roof**, and we are thankful that this problem was revealed

while all of the rooms were still empty. We have finished painting the outside of the building and the **new sign** is up. We have finished construction of the **new waiting room** and the **new nurses' station**. We are completing **construction of a pharmacy**. We have replaced old wiring for the existing 220v electrical system, and we are adding **new wiring for 110v**, in order to utilize donated medical equipment from the United States. We are repairing old plumbing lines and putting in **pipes for hot water**. We are now in the **final stages of painting** and furnishing the rooms.

We have concentrated our work in the 12 rooms on the front half of the first floor, which will be used for our out-patient clinic. **Donations are needed** to do this same work on the second and third floors, so that we can expand our services to include surgery.

In March of this year, our Executive Director, Cindy Thacker, had the opportunity to meet personally with the **First Lady of Bolivia**, Mrs. Ginger Quiroga. The First Lady said she was willing to use her office to bring in **donations of medical equipment** from the US. On April 25, 2002, a **40-foot container** was loaded with more than **18,000 pounds** of medical equipment and supplies and shipped to Bolivia. Included in this container were **operating room tables**, examining room tables, hospital **beds and cribs**, neonatal **monitors**, **lab equipment**, hot water heaters, an oversized washer and dryer, file cabinets, office supplies, and more than 250 boxes of medical supplies. **Praise the Lord!**

Many thanks to all the volunteers who packed and weighed boxes and picked up donations. Thanks also to those who loaded rental trucks with donations in Mobile, Alabama, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and Charlottesville, Virginia, and drove them to MedShare International near Atlanta, Georgia, where everything was loaded onto the 40-foot container. **Donations are now needed to purchase and install a large transformer for the clinic**, which will be used to operate all of this equipment we are bringing from the States.



Hospital Update Continued...

After putting in a **more energy efficient system of heating and cooling**, we were left with a lot of central air conditioning conduits that we did not need. On seeing them lying in the hallway, one of the workers asked if he could **use the conduits for a church that had no roof**. A group of our workers then flattened them out, put them on a truck, and volunteered to go and roof the church.

God is definitely at work in the clinic! One by one, the **construction workers** and their families are **getting saved!** The **painters are now coming to church!** After talking with some of our staff, **the electrician and his wife prayed to receive Christ!** This is not just about repairing and remodeling a building! One morning as the **night watchman** was finishing his shift, the staff was assembling to have devotions. They invited him to join in. Seeing that he was deeply moved by hearing the Word of God, one of our physicians took him aside and **prayed with him to receive Jesus as his Lord and Savior. Glory to God!**

Meanwhile, we are continuing to care for **the poor** who **come to our door almost daily in need of services**, even though our clinic is not yet open. We are blessed to have about 20 physicians working with us now who are willing to see our patients in their private offices at **no charge**.

Baby Angela

One morning, Jaime, one of our construction workers, was talking to José, one of our staff, about his baby who was very sick. Jaime said he **did not have money to take the baby to a doctor**. José told Jaime to go home and get the baby. By the time Jaime returned with **Baby Angela**, she was **near death**. Her skin had changed color and she was not breathing normally. Baby Angela was rushed to a nearby hospital where she received a blood transfusion. **Baby Angela's life was saved**, and she is now recovering. **Mission of Hope, Bolivia paid for all the expenses** related to Angela's hospitalization and treatment. Angela's mother recently returned to our clinic to express her gratitude saying her other babies had died of these same symptoms because they did not have money for treatment.

With your prayers and financial support, **we can make a huge difference** for the people of Bolivia. **Many lives can be saved, both physically and for eternity!**



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