



Haven of Hope Bolivia

November 2021 - January 2022

We hope you enjoyed a blessed holiday season and are off to an incredible start in 2022! Here is a peak at how our year 2021 ended and 2022 began at Haven of Hope Bolivia.

End of School Year

The 2021 school year in Bolivia ended the first week of December. Thanks to the support of our sponsors, the dedication of our staff and the hard work of our students, all our children passed.

Norma's Kindergarten Graduation

Norma and her sister, Claudia, were unschooled when they came to live at Haven of Hope Bolivia in March of 2021. In addition to their regular classes at the private, Christian school our children attend, they received assistance on campus from their educators, homework support and virtual classroom facilitation from our university students, and even tutoring from a licensed elementary school teacher. Thankfully, both girls made significant advances, successfully completed the school year and created special memories at Norma's Kindergarten graduation. Tio Placido's son, Dylan, also graduated from the same Kindergarten class.



Norma poses with Pappa Marco and the school principal. Norma and Claudia show off Norma's Kindergarten diploma.

Tio Placido and his graduating son, Dylan, pose with their family.

Completing HOHB Programs for the Year

At Haven of Hope Bolivia, November is a time to wrap up and celebrate the completion of the different programs the children are involved in during the year. During a special activity that highlights key aspects of the program, the children receive a certificate of participation.



Cristiano shares the knowledge he acquired in his “My Identity in Christ” classes with the rest of the group. Pastor Johnny, Mamma Gladys, Pappa Marco, Psychologist Jose and his wife, Gladis, pose with the boys from “My Identity in Christ”. Marco prays over the special meal the group shared as part of the closing activity.



Administrator Graciela (far left) and Mamma Gladys (far right) proudly stand with the “Youth with a Purpose” group which includes Nicole, Adriana, Eva, and Fernanda. Volunteer Nancy poses with Melany, Kimberly, and Juan David during a baking class.



Hannah and Raquel finish up English classes for the year.

A Fun-Filled Visit from Uncle Dave

If “play is therapy”, our children had some intensive play therapy sessions in December when Uncle Dave came to visit - just in time to kick off summer vacation! Ponies, Burger King, an unforgettable birthday bash, Pollos Rocky (the children’s favorite place for fire-roasted chicken), trampolines, shopping and new soccer/basketball posts were a few highlights of this visit. Aside from the abundance of fun and games, an important meeting with owner of the property next to HOHB campus and a home visit to check in on Jose and Aida were more “business” aspects of the trip.



Left to right: Fiorella rides; children bathe a pony; Dave greets the crowd;

Anachely pauses for a picture



Marco sips his milkshake; Lucas bites his burger while Mamma Gladys smiles for the camera; Fernanda, Stephanie and Duniar pause for a picture at Burger King.

Fernanda Castro

Reinilda and Nicole

Claudia





The

children and staff at HOHB threw Uncle Dave an almost surprise birthday party – he might have caught on when we had to scramble for additional ideas to distract him while the final details were put in place, but everyone had a blast either way.



Pausing for pictures at Pollos Rocky.

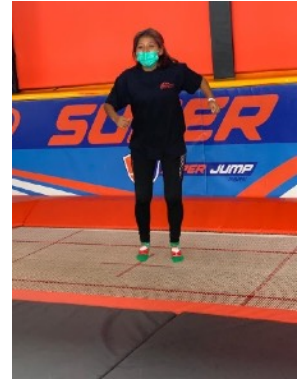
Shopping!!! Soccer outfits for the boys; Claudia uses her new electronic device; Ericka



and

Eli play with their new toys.

Left: Ruth Sol models her new outfit. Center: On the way to the market. Right: Fiorella shows off her new nails.



Yoselina jumps super high; Uncle Dave poses with Mamma Gladys and her



family; Miguel plays basketball; Carlota enjoys the

trampoline.

Cristiano prepares for indoor rock climbing; Ruth Sol climbs; Rosa and Ericka pose; Anachely rocks her way up and stops for a post-victory shot.



Uncle Dave shakes hands with the property owner after a meeting about the status of



the sale; Nelly takes pictures of Jose on his new bike; Dave accompanies our social worker, Nelly, to visit Jose and Aida in their new home with their grandmother. They are both healthy and happy.

Rocky's Chicken – a traditional favorite!

Summer Vacation – Let the Fun Continue!

After long months of concentrating on studies during the school year, our children can kick back and enjoy the different activities that summer offers. This year, a soccer coach was hired to encourage the



children to stay physically active and learn the skills, discipline, and teamwork that sports offer.

Juan David visibly enjoys the game. The children practice soccer using the new goal posts. Oscar and Ruddy prepare for the next play.

Who doesn't love to splash in the water on a hot day? Thanks to the generosity of a local pool owner, our children enjoy a refreshing day of swimming.



Maria scopes out the situation before deciding to jump in. While smaller children entertain themselves in the shallow waters, Roy relaxes pool-side and older children swim in the deeper end of the pool.



Martha and Eva hang out with the youngest children while Sebastian and Ruddy chill on the sidelines.



The local government also sponsored a day for swimming at a resort for orphanages. HOHB poses with Governor Camacho.



The children chat with Mamma Gladys at the park; our social worker's husband grills a special lunch; the children enjoy a day at the river; the boys play soccer at a nearby soccer field.



The Bolivian American Center, a local language school whose mission is to strengthen cultural ties between Bolivia and the United States, invited our children to tour their facilities. Photos, left to right: Estefania holds up a Bible; Angela and Reinilda browse books in the library; Reinilda chooses a book about bullying; Erika poses; Anachely reads. Photos below, left to right: An instructor guides the children through a display about the space; Rosa and Marco play chess.



Christmas

2021

Both local and international sponsors contributed to making the Christmas season special for both children and staff. Thank you for the generosity that helped brighten the holiday season at HOHB. One of the highlights of the festivities was the Facebook Live Event where children were able to virtually



interact with their sponsors. Afterward, children and staff enjoyed a Christmas feast together and the students who earned the best grades this year received a prize.

Local universities and businesses visit HOHB in December to celebrate Christmas with the children.

Carlota holds up a toy she received from a box of gifts sent to HOHB.



Social workers, Nelly and Lily, participate in a Christmas event with the local government to pick up gifts for the children.



Governor Camacho addresses the group at a local government Christmas event for orphanages in Santa Cruz.

Jose Herlan dresses as Santa Claus to deliver sponsor Christmas gifts during the Facebook Live Event.



Psychologist Damaris sits with the older girls at Christmas dinner. Tio Placido and Tia Graciela sit with the young women from the Youth Development Program. Psychologist Jose and his family enjoy the meal with our girls.



Tania, Sebastian, Graciela, Lily (left) and Tia Vivi (middle) make sure dinner is ready. the Christmas tree.

Tia Veronica and Tio Crispin pose by



Fiorella won a prize for having the best grades in the primary level at HOHB.

Adriana won first place for her grades for secondary level. Graciela prepares Christmas bonuses for staff members. Norma receives her Christmas gifts from her sponsor during the Facebook Live event.



Nelly distributes gifts from local donations.

Giving Back



In the words of Jesus, "It is more blessed to give than to receive" (Acts 20:35). While December is a time of receiving for our children, HOHB also makes sure that message about giving back is clear. Here are some pictures of our children giving back to the community and blessings to their families.

Sustainability Cards 2021

Products Hope had a successful season selling Christmas cards. Our talented young women helped keep stock available and visited both churches and businesses along with Gladys and Marco to share HOHB's vision.



Marco



and Dave

pose with Yoselina and Lizeth, who worked diligently to keep stock ready.

Marco, Gladys and Sarai visit Pastor Pamela's church called "Faith that Prevails" to promote Haven of Hope and sell Christmas cards.



Yoselina are a few of the young women who carefully assembled the Christmas cards.

Nicole, Adriana, Fernanda and

Happy New Year 2022

The children love the tradition of playing with sparklers and watching fireworks to receive the New Year.



Daniela, Norma, Brittany, Javier and Erika enjoy playing with sparklers to bring in the New Year.

Visit from Riverside

What better way to start the year than with visitors! Joined by HOHI's Alice Skaff and Dr. John Sweet, a group of leaders from Riverside Church spent several days becoming more acquainted with Haven of Hope Bolivia. They were present for Estefania's 15th Birthday Blessing Celebration, a traditional coming-of-age ceremony that is often repackaged by the church as an opportunity to bless and encourage young people to make good decisions at this critical stage of life.



Alice and Marco welcome our guests "home". Dr. John and Alice pose with Estefania, Pappa Marco and Mamma Gladys after the blessing ceremony. The team visits Yuliana, a young woman who used to live at HOHB but now lives on her own as a young adult.



Estefania holds her cake in front of her decorations. Estefania poses with visitors, staff, and children.

Emma's Echo and a Temporary Move

Emma's Echo is an upper-level addition to the girls' module behind the kitchen that will house interns who choose to gain experience and share their knowledge at Haven of Hope. The older girls who live in that dorm have temporarily moved to the Church of God's Jada Seminary campus, where they have gotten to know their extended church family and gained valuable life skills. Both Luz Marina and our new female psychologist, Damaris, have been living with them there. Two other pastors live at the seminary with their families, and staff members take turns spending time there. The construction is advancing ahead of schedule, so we look forward to having our girls back on campus in no time.



Pappa Marco cries as he and Mamma Gladys help load the girls' belongings into the truck that hauls their things to the seminary.



The girls display ingredients for making natural remedies for cold prevention and care during the Omicron phase of the Covid pandemic. They also model the aprons they wear while learning to cook for themselves – a valuable life skill - during summer vacation.



The construction of Emma's Echo quickly advances. The girls make bread with seminary secretary, Pastor Gisela, and have a relaxing picnic lunch on the seminary lawn with Martha while the staff were on retreat.

Spiritual Leadership Training

Part of HOHB's vision to equip our children includes discipleship and spiritual leadership training. Our young people are leaders at Casa De Dios, the orphanage's church and part of the preparation included participating in on-line certification courses at Jada Seminary.



Gladys receives a certificate in premarital counseling.

Martha, Yoselina, Tia Vivi and Fernanda (among other HOHB family) are awarded certificate by National Education Director, Rafael Aranique and Jada Seminary Director, Reny Guevara.

Casa De Dios Celebrates Its Three-Year Anniversary



In January, Casa de Dios celebrated three years of existence as an official Church of God congregation that serves Haven of Hope Orphanage through pastor, Gladys Jimenez (center). The praise and worship team (left) leads the congregation in worship (right) on the special occasion.

Incredible Blessings

We truly have so much to be grateful for at Haven of Hope. One of the greatest is caring for the children that God places in our care for the time that He sees fit. Whether that means seeing them graduate from college or keeping them safe while their families find healing, Haven of Hope exists to rescue, love,



restore and equip children so they can get back on track to fulfilling God's plan and purpose for their lives. Your support helps make that vision a reality.

These siblings' (Fiorella, Ruth Sol, Cristiano and Miguel) mother has been working hard to create conditions for family reintegration. When the judge recently granted her custody, she celebrated her children's arrival with cake, welcoming them into the home she has been preparing.



Volunteer Samuel poses with the new mattresses delivered courtesy of Riverside Church; National Overseer Freddy Jimenez, HOHB Directors Marco and Gladys receive a much-needed minivan for Haven of Hope Bolivia thanks to a very generous donation from a longtime HOHB sponsor. HOHB's garden yields robust crops like this yucca root; siblings Oscar and Brittany have renewed ID cards thanks to the diligence of our social worker.



Although the tradition for a coming-of-age ceremony at 15 is not wide-spread for boys, HOHB decided to celebrate Roy's milestone with both a more intimate party with his group AND a more formal recognition with the whole HOHB family to bless him in these crucial, upcoming years.



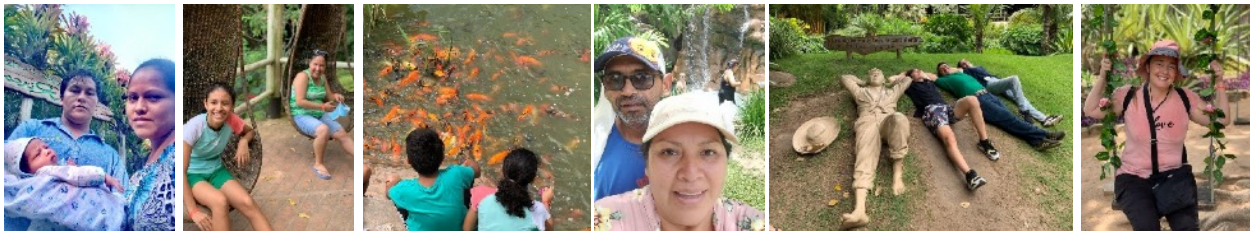


Other recent birthdays include our children: Oscar, Melany, Juan David (top, left to right); volunteer Samuel David (bottom left); social worker, Lily (bottom center) and Tia Magdalena (bottom right). What a blessing another year of life is!

A thoughtful donor sponsors an annual retreat for the staff and their families, who support them in the ministry of HOHB. What a treat to spend the day with family in such a renovating environment!



Haven of Hope staff piles into the minivan to go on retreat. Samuel takes videos. Reny rides the zip-line. Elena, Esther, Marco Arauz and Magdalena pose on the rainforest path.



Crispin and Veronica stopped by for staff to meet baby Josué Jeremy. Graciela and her daughter swing. The children LOVED feeding the fish. Esther and Marco take a selfie. Eleazar, Reny and Mikaela take a rest - Camba-style. Cathy enjoys the swing.



Saraí poses before lunch; Lily, Damaris and Graciela enjoy a meal together, Gladys and Marco send their love; the staff bond over delicious food; Misael and Reny dig into their burgers before running off to play again.



Placido and his family sit together at lunch, Lucas and his dad take a selfie, the team enjoys the pool, Raquel and the toucan interact, everyone enjoys the breathtaking views.

HOHB has been relationship-building with Pastor Pamela and Hallmark International Youth Club to explore options of intercultural exchanges to broaden our youth's horizons. We are thankful for connections with local and international groups who share the vision of empowering youth.



Together at a conference about helping today's youth. Young women from Nigeria who grew up in Kenya visit our Youth Development group. Gladys poses with local leaders who are interested in youth empowerment.

Preparing for the New Year

HOHB's team both collaborated with volunteers and even hired some help to ensure healthy and helpful activities for summer vacation. And now that summer vacation comes to an end along with the month of January, they continue to plan in preparation for a prosperous 2022 while children start to review math, reading and writing to be ready for school. Looking forward to what lies ahead and so thankful to be walking with you on this fulfilling journey.



Left and Right: Staff meetings keep

everyone on the same page. Center: Norma practices writing skills while



Fiorella reviews Math.

Claudia, Ruth Sol and Ericka prepare for the upcoming school year.

Left: Duniar expresses gratitude.

In Santa Cruz, the only way to get a
this.
Similarly, your support is a “backdrop”
so many opportunities they wouldn’t



Right: Roy greets his sponsors.

picture with snow is with a backdrop like
that adorns the lives of our children with
have access to otherwise.

Thank

you!