



Haven of Hope Bolivia February 2021

Back to school

The school year in Bolivia started on February 1st. All of our school-aged children have class in the mornings via Zoom from 8:00 am – 12:00 pm. The secondary students also have class on Saturdays to complete the extra class hours required for middle and high school students.

Our educators and our university students have been assigned to different grade levels to supervise our children during class and to support them with their homework.



First Day of Classes

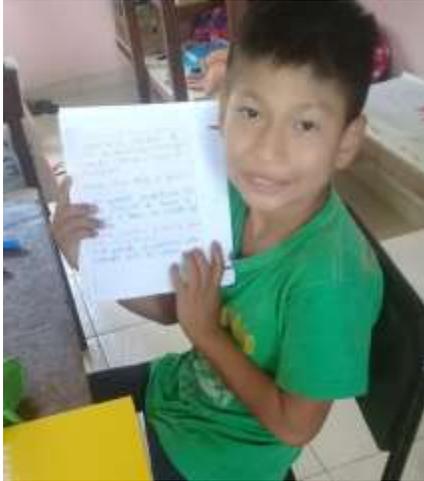


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Martha supervises our youngest and newest member of HOHB, Fiorella, and our cook's daughter, Eli, with their 1st grade classes via Zoom in the administration office.



Left: Marco, Cristiano and Duniar work on Biology.
Right: 7th graders meet in the chapel for their Zoom classes.



Miguel proudly displays his work.



Fiorella aces her addition problems.



Our young ladies hard at work.



4th graders (left) and 10th grader (right) enter Zoom classes from different areas of the girls' dorm.



Art Classes



Duniar displays his drawing talent.



Local volunteer, Nancy, helps the first graders with their schoolwork.



Thank you for contributing towards school supplies to ensure that our children have all the materials they need for a successful school year!

University Classes

Five young women are advancing in their university degree this year at Haven of Hope Bolivia. Our three second-year college students continue to study at the Bethesda University, which is run by a Korean mission and has a campus relatively close to Haven of Hope.

This year God has used connections that Marco has with a local university where he has both studied and worked to open the doors for a full tuition scholarship for our two first-year university students. This university is farther away from HOHB campus but is well-known and respected in the city.



Yoselina, Marco and Martha pose outside of NUR University.



Yoselina and Martha, accompanied by Lily, the social worker assistant, register for classes.



Marco treats the girls to ice cream on this milestone day.

The Bus is Back in Service

Thanks to generous donations from HOHI, the motor was replaced on the bus, and just in time for exam week at school. Although classes are via Zoom, our students were able to go to take their tests in person.



Comprehensive Care

The staff at Haven of Hope works together to provide a family environment that attends to the complex needs of our children.



New pillows



Movie Night



Dental Care



Biweekly educator meetings

Spiritual Growth and Discipleship



Tio Placido prepares for Sunday School – Tia Veronica participates – Jose works on Sunday School craft



Mama Gladys teaches the adolescent girls the story of Ruth.



Left: Fernanda shares the Word with a Power Point Presentation.

Right: Gladys, our psychologist's wife, voluntarily leads a workshop called "Affirming My Faith in God".

Life Skills and Vocational Training



The children love caring for the chickens!
They hardly notice the lessons in responsibility that come with having a chicken coop.



Our older sisters have become experts at bread making. They prepare all the bread that is consumed at Haven of Hope. Top right: Anachely and Reinilda, Top left: Fernanda Castro, Bottom: The National Education Director for the Church of God in Bolivia, Rafael Aranique, greets Fernanda during a visit to HOH campus.

Activities with Local Volunteers



Volunteers from a local Rotaract Club taught our adolescents and youth some new baking recipes.



Left: The Church of God in Bolivia's Sunday School network provided a bag with school supplies for each child and an afternoon of activities. The leaders of this network have also help discipleship classes at Haven of Hope. Right: A neighbor drops off some snacks for Haven of Hope.



Left: A public speaking workshop by a local volunteer. Right: Another volunteer shares skin care tips.

Psychology Workshops

Our psychologist prepares activities to help our children work through difficult situations that arise in their lives and learn important interpersonal relationship skills they will need for healthy social interactions.



Recent workshops with the youngest group of girls (above) and the youngest group of boys (below)



Social Work Advances

Our social workers accompany our children in various areas: Making sure they have proper ID and health insurance, registering them for classes, accompanying them to doctor's appointment and following up with educators to make sure any prescribed treatments are being properly administered. They even occasionally check in with children who are no longer at HOHB whether they have aged out, transferred or reintegrated with their families.



Our social worker took these children to renew their Bolivian ID cards. The new cards have a QR code and are valid for 10 years.

Church of God in Bolivia Celebrates 59 Year Anniversary

Haven of Hope Bolivia accompanied the leadership of the Church of God in Bolivia in celebrating its 59th Anniversary. We are grateful for this local ecclesiastical covering.



The Church of God Seminary

The boys will temporarily live at the Church of God seminary campus during the construction of the new boys' dorm on Haven of Hope campus. Everyone pitched in to renovate the seminary's installations in preparation for upcoming inspections by the Departmental Government and subsequent approval of the temporary move.



Ruddy paints the kitchen walls – The younger children clean up the yard – Maria paints a door frame



Staff and children hard at work – Painting the gate and cleaning up – Anachely works on window frames



Looking good! Two perspectives of the dining hall/study room and the room our older boys will stay in.

Haven of Hope staff and boys accompanied Bishop Freddy Jimenez and a group of Church of God pastors that went to the seminary grounds on Tuesday, March 22 to intercede for and bless the projects that are being carried out there. Pastor Freddy proclaimed powerful promises from the book of Isaiah:

*A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit.
The Spirit of the LORD will rest on him—the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding,
the Spirit of counsel and of might. Isaiah 11:1-2*



Gladys poses with other pastors who are involved in projects on the seminary grounds: Reny Guevara (the seminary director), Edil Garzon (pastor of the Vineyard of the Lord Church on the seminary campus) and Pastor Rafael Aranique (National Education Director for Bolivia). This team is working together to make sure our boys have the best experience possible during their stay at the seminary.

Thank you for backing this decision that was made considering for the well-being of our children and for the faithful, constant and generous support that you offer Haven of Hope Bolivia. We pray for you and look forward to seeing you again soon!