



# HAVEN OF HOPE BOLIVIA

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January 2023 – June 2023

## A Time of Abundant Blessings

"All these blessings will come upon you and overtake you if you pay attention to the voice of the Lord your God."

Deuteronomy 28:2

Twenty years ago, God started weaving a tapestry of diverse individuals who were willing to say "yes" to His voice, birthing a Family of Hope that would continue grow and prosper. The tears sown along the way have truly become shouts of joy as the blessings overtake Haven of Hope so notoriously this year.

### January



Dr. Greg Sloop visited Haven of Hope for the first time ever on New Year's Day to see the orphanage. He had heard about through YWEA's 2023 Fundraising Campaign for Latin America. His church will designate the funds it raises through this campaign to Haven of Hope Orphanage.

### February





The children returned to school on February 6th. Just a few weeks later, at a family church camp during the carnival holiday, both Erika and Misael were baptized.

## March



A group of dear friends and family from HOHI visited in March to celebrate the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for Emma's Echo Internship Building and to revamp the dorm for the littlest girls in the Esther Group and to officially present the off-campus housing for the young women in our Youth Development Program, aka the Transition to Independent Living Program.





Left: The children line up with sunflowers, Emma's favorite flower, for the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony. Center: Sherry Bullock and Alice Sweet at the entrance to Emma's Echo Internship Center. Right: Sisters Erika and Eva pose with Laura Cummings.



Left: Maria, Fernanda, Sherry, Adriana, Juan David and Erika wore bucket hats and carry sunflowers to honor Emma Bullock. Center: Kimberly and Autumn Cummings pose before the ceremony. Right: John & Alice Sweet, Jeff Basik, Armando, Guisela, Freddy Jimenez Jr, Brian Basik, Freddy Jimenez Sr, Marco & Gladys Aldana and Cathy Trentini de Guevara pause to create a photo of this memorable event.



Left: Brian & Heidi Basik, Rene Younger and Tony Lamantia worked hard to make this visit successful. Center: Roy helps Larry Vieni create cabinet space for Esther Group dorm. Right: Gracie helps paint the closet while chatting with Yandi.



Left: The Esther Group dorm room was transformed! Center: Katherine poses with her crochet doll. Right: The team stands with the Esther Group in their newly remodeled



dorm room.



Left: The team visits El Alfarero – the ministry building where Haven of Hope's off-campus transition housing launched. Center: Rosa and Jeff Basik pose for a selfie at her school. The children loved having their sponsors at the Father's Day Festivities! Right: Susanna and Izzy spend time with Jhoan and Oscar.

## April

HOHI sponsored Nation of Orphans Bolivia Hope Tour 2023 enabling Gladys and Marco Aldana, Directors of Haven of Hope Bolivia to travel throughout the southeastern USA. Traveling with them were their children: Sarai, Misael and Lucas, and HOHI's Program Coordinator, Cathy. Their tour lasted five weeks and they met with 11 pastors, visited 7 churches, and strengthened connections with more than 30 leaders and numerous sponsors in 14 cities across 7 states. Churches and sponsors helped with some of the travel expenses and God faithfully provided above and beyond – including a memorable trip to Disney!

The testimonies the directors and their family shared along with the powerful message the Lord gave Marco, exhorting the church to accept His call to fatherhood, made a profound impact on people's hearts. The Haven of Hope team was deeply encouraged upon realizing just how many committed people our "Family of Hope" have been supporting the ministry for so many years.



The team visited two Spanish-speaking churches in Miami. Left: Marco challenges the congregation at the "Avivamiento" Church of God. Center: Pastor Leo Acosta presents Gladys to the "Avivamiento" congregation. Left: Pastors Orlando and Thelma Canales of the



"Vida Nueva" Church of God pose with Haven of Hope's directors, their children, Cathy and Pastor Adriana Cardeso, who generously hosted the team during their week-long stay in Miami.



From Miami, the group headed to Fort Myers – Haven of Hope International's headquarters – to participate in Riverside Mission Week and reunite with friends and sponsors there. Left: The Basik Family hosted the guests from Bolivia for over a week. Center: Riverside Mission Week Welome Dinner. Right: Pastor Matt Nations conducts a podcast interview with Gladys and Marco. Cathy translates.



Left: International Tasting is a highlight of Riverside's Missions Week where hundreds of participants try food from different countries while learning about the missions projects in those countries. Center: Each missions partner visited a home group from Riverside to create more personal connections. The directors and their family shared testimonies of God's faithfulness and answered questions about Haven of Hope's ministry. Right: God never ceases to amaze us through our generous sponsors and supporters – miraculous provision from the Lord, lovely memories and powerful testimonies were shared during a dinner with members of our Family of Hope.





Left to right: More generous provisions, connections and brain-storming moments over delicious meals and with even better company – our Family of Hope in Fort Myers.



Left: The Aldana Jimenez family poses in front of a HOHI banner in Riverside's entryway. Center: Sarai (center left) and Alexis Basik, HOHI's Internship Director (center right) help paint a didactic play area at Edgewood Elementary on service day during missions week. Right: Haven of Hope Directors Marco and Gladys pose with their son Lucas and Haven of Hope International's Alice and John Sweet at the closing services of Riverside's Missions Week.



Generous sponsors provided for an extraordinary two-day visit to Disney World, and the Heart of Florida Youth Ranch gifted the Bolivian team a spectacular glass-bottom boat tour at Silver Springs in Ocala, Florida. Left: The Aldana Jimenez family at the start of the two-day Disney adventure. Left center: Marco and Sarai hug Goofy. Left right: Misael, Gladys



and Lucas laugh with Donald Duck. Right: The directors and their family preparing for the boat tour at Silver Springs.

After a few recreational days in central Florida, the team headed up to the panhandle to continue the Hope Tour. In Quincy, Tina Fauble welcomed the Bolivian team into her beautiful Queen Anne Victorian Bed & Breakfast, The McFarlin House. She hosted a connection dinner in the formal dining room there with her pastors, Matt and Cori Stone, and other leaders from the Capital City Church in Tallahassee. The missions-minded pastors expressed a desire to partner with Haven of Hope. Tina also leads a ministry called “Sew2Sow” that provides clothing from upcycled T-shirts for children in need. Their creations have made their way to South America and Africa through HOHI. From there, the team drove to Mary Esther, Florida to strengthen connections with the Mary Esther Church of God there.



Left: Tina Fauble introduces Sew2Sow volunteers to Gladys and Marco in her sewing room. Center: Connection dinner with pastors and leaders from the Capital City Church. Right: The HOH team poses with Pastors Buck and Barbara Dockery and leaders, Russi and Dale Oaks, at the Mary Esther Church of God.

From the panhandle, the team traveled north into Alabama where Paula Phillips hosted the team in Birmingham, providing a tour of the city and creating connections with a medical center for academic resilience and success called Alabama Game Changers. There they explored options for professional interventions and training for learning challenges like dyslexia for children in orphanages. The next stop was Cleveland, Tennessee to visit the Church of God's International Offices. The team met with Rob Bailey, Director of COG Youth & Discipleship. Under his leadership, the Youth World Evangelism Action (YWEA) has spent a year fundraising for Haven of Hope Bolivia and other Latin American ministries.





Left: Paula Phillips introduces the team to leadership at Alabama Game Changers to consider ways to work together. Center: Marco poses with Brian Yaun, Assistant Director of COG Youth & Discipleship and Rob Bailey, Director COG Youth & Discipleship. Right: The team poses with John Childers, Assistant Director of the Church of God World Missions Department.

From Tennessee, the team headed south to Demorest, Georgia to connect with the Mt. Carmel Baptist Church. Pastors Josh and Mandy Taylor visited Haven of Hope Orphanage in October 2022 along with AJ White, a sponsor who is involved with the off-campus transition program. Their church plans to continue to contribute to the program, and the visit from team helped solidify the relationship even more.



Left: Haven of Hope directors and their family pose with AJ White and his pastors, Josh and Mandy Taylor at a breakfast meeting. Center: Gladys and Marco present the Nation of Orphans flag to the congregation along with pastors Mandy and Josh. Right: Connections were made at the Haven of Hope table at Mt. Carmel church. Gladys and Marco pose with a sister who made a generous donation to the transition program.

From Georgia, the team headed to North Carolina where they spent several days thanks to the hospitality of Jeff and Kathy Basik.



Left: Gladys and Marco pose with Jeff; his daughter, Julie, and her husband, Ben Nobles. Ben connected the directors to a young man in Belize who is interested in Director Training so he can open a home for children in his country. Center: Jeff, Gladys and Marco pose with the Guthries, a family that has been supporting HOHB for years and is interested in taking a vision trip to Bolivia. Right: While in North Carolina, the team was warmly hosted by Jeff and Kathy Basik. Jeff is Board Chair for the HOHI Board of Influence.

While in North Carolina, the team visited the Kannapolis Church of God - where our New Year's Day visitor, Dr. Greg Sloop, is pastor. He was pleased to have Haven of Hope representatives at his church to promote the YWEA fundraising campaign and reports a generous offering was achieved for the campaign thanks to the personal connection through a visit to the church. From Kannapolis, the team headed further north to connect with family and friends in the DC area.



Left: Gladys and Marco pose at the Haven of Hope stand in the Kananpolis Church of God. Center: The Sloops with Marco and Gladys. Right: The team met up with Alice and members of her family in DC for an exclusive tour of the Capitol.

Back South, the team spent several days with Angela Bryan in Athens, Georgie before driving to the North Walhalla Church of God. Then they visited Cathy's college roommate and her family in South Carolina en route back to Miami to conclude the Nation of Orphans Bolivia Hope Tour 2023.





Left: Angela Bryan, HOHI's Youth Development Director, organized a get together at her house where the HOH team was able to reconnect with old friends and meet people who have supported HOHB but not yet visited Bolivia. Center left: A great connection was made with Pastor Chad Smith at the North Walhalla Church of God – the first Church of God to be organized in South Carolina which made the pastor identified deeply with the “father’s heart” sermon Marco shared. Center right: Cathy’s friends, the Sleeths, opened their doors as a rest stop on the drive back to Miami and ideas were shared ideas of how their family may get involved at HOHB. Right: The Directors arrive safely in Santa Cruz.

## May

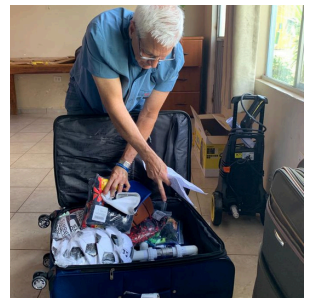
While the directors were spreading awareness in the USA, the staff held down the fort back home under extraordinary challenges. The bank the foundation’s accounts were in went bankrupt and was overtaken by the Bolivian government, leaving the home with a very tight cash flow. To access extremely limited funds, the staff members had to stand in long lines at the bank, sometimes to be turned away at the counter and having to start the whole process again at a different branch or having to visit several branches in a day to withdraw enough funds to cover the essentials. All of this in addition to their regular duties, which are amazing to begin with! So this year more than ever, they deserved a special treat for Worker’s Day, which is celebrated on May 1st.

Second only to Christmas, Mother’s Day is one of the most celebrated yearly events in Bolivia. Mothers were recognized at Haven of Hope with a special lunch, presentations from the children, and a lovely gift.



Left: Damaris, our psychologist, helps prepare gifts for the workers on Worker's Day. Left center: HOHB staff shares a special moment on Worker's Day. Right center: The mothers of Haven of Hope pose with their gifts. Right: Eva helps serve a delicious Mother's Day lunch.

Dave Russ, Nation of Orphans Ambassador, spent several days at Haven of Hope in May. He helped make preparations for the upcoming ribbon cutting through landscaping, directing the deep cleaning of the walls, purchasing a sign and maintenance equipment for the orphanage, and even lugging an entire water filtration system in his suitcases! He also provided recreational moments for the children like donuts for breakfast, an afternoon at the movies and a visit to a pony farm.



Left: Dave poses with Cynthia after delivering gifts that he brought. There was something for all staff members and children alike! Left center: The children love going to the movies as a special treat. Right center: Staff and children celebrate the new sign that clearly identifies their home. Right: Dave unpacks gifts and a water purification system donated by the Persimmon Church of God.



Left: Campus beautification project underway. Center: A team of landscaping professionals helped get the job done. Right: Celebrating a job well done! The lovely landscaping complements the spectacular building it adorns.

## June

June brought a second visit this year from Riverside church. The families that came were enthusiastic about creating a beautiful dorm space for our young women in the on campus phase of the Youth Development program. They also created and deepened connections



with the children and helped with further preparations for the July ribbon cutting. The united efforts are setting the scene for a historic event!



Left: Jessie and Heidi start a painting project. Left center: JL, Heidi and Charlie hard at work. Center: Charlie, Matt and Collin pause for a photo. Right center: Stacey creates a work of art on the dorm wall. Right: Ileah and Rob clean freshly painted windows on the girls' dorm.



Left: Kimberly and Stacey pose by the painting in the girls' room. Left center: Martha, Brittany and Adriana dress the beds with Heidi. Right center: The final result in the young women's room is darling. Right: Sisters Martha, Adriana and Luz Marina in the newly updated dorm.



Left: Kimberly, Jessie, Melany and Lizbeth help make cookies – the same kind the group sold to fundraise for this trip! Center: Carlota, Melany, Jessie and Heidi bake under Heidi's leadership. Right: The boys enjoy the "typical American meal" that the Riverside team prepared.





Left: Jesus poses with Matt and Stephen while playing Legos outside. Center: Rosa, Kimberly, Daniela and Jessie paint the curtain rods. Right: Collin and Rob playing volleyball with the teens.



Left: Katherine, Stacey and Adriana make friendship bracelets. Left center: JL teaches a dynamic Sunday School lesson. Center: Anachely, Estefania, Melody and Ileah finish a puzzle. Right center: Collin, Erika, Jessie and others play memory. Right: Rosa, Juan David, Jesus and Kimberly build a puzzle.



Left: JL and Stephen pose with Marco and Lizeth. Center: Kimberly presents a gift to Kimblery. Right: Ileah and Rob pose with Maria. Strong bonds are formed when sponsors are able to visit the children in Bolivia.



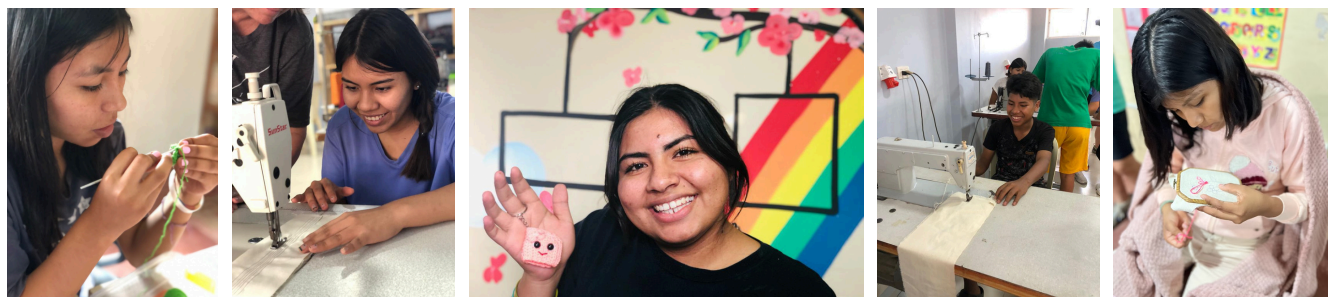


Left: Tony and Cedar talk with Yandi. Left center: Jhoan and Collin stop for a photo. Center: Katherine and Melody play on the playground. Right center: Cedar and Amanda take a little break. Right: Coralie poses with Sofia. The group witnessed and experienced how play transcends language barriers!



Left: The group poses with the staff. Right: HOHB and the group say “until we meet again!”

The completion of the boys’ dorm opened plenty of room to spread out! One of the workshops in the boys dorm was accommodated as a spacious sewing workshop – complete with recently donated, brand new machines for the sewing program. The children have been practicing in their workshop classes and are even selling totes for an upcoming conference in Bolivia.



Left: Kimberly crochets gifts for sponsors. Left center: Kimberly practices on the sewing machine. Center: Adriana displays a crocheted gift. Right center: Sewing is not only for

girls! Javier and the other boys are also learning the basics of what it takes to be a great tailor. Right: Brittany enjoys a cross-stitch project.

With their dorm ready and anticipation in the air for the upcoming ribbon cutting, the boys get to work with Tio Placido, preparing their bedframes and closet shelves for the big move!



Left: Oscar puts a bed from back together. Center: Bladimir helps Tio Placido. Right: Juan David shows of his work.

## The Best People in the World

Haven of Hope attracts some of the best people in the world! Our generous donors are creating a LEGACY of HOPE, looking beyond the here and now to invest in the futures of children and young people around the world. Our incredible staff demonstrates deep DEVOTION as they work to raise the standard in orphan care day in and day out. And our extraordinary children inspire us with their COURAGE to OVERCOME difficult circumstances, as they discovering their God-given potential and purpose. We are so GRATEFUL to each of you for your contributions, time and prayers that make this Haven of Hope a reality.

**God bless you!**