



HAVEN OF HOPE BOLIVIA



April 2024 – June 2024

A Time of Rejoicing and Refreshing

"Like cold water to a weary soul is good news from a distant land."

Proverbs 25:25

"Homecoming" is a special time when families gather to strengthen the bonds that unite them. Our Family of Hope thoroughly enjoys every homecoming opportunity! The highlights of the second quarter of 2024 have been our visitors from a distant land who refresh our thirsty souls like a tall glass of cold water on a hot summer's day with the good news they bring.

April Vision Trip – Peru

Refuge of Life Orphanage in Pucallpa Peru has exploded with life! After years of prayer and persistence, the dream of welcoming girls to live on campus has come true. After just months of official operation, Refuge of Life's staff and girls are thriving together as our Family of Hope continues to expand. This vision team collected data, media, testimonies and sustainability ideas to share the amazing things God is doing at Refuge of Life with others.



Left: Alice and John Sweet present certificates earned through Caregiver Training to Director Lilly San Martin Cardenas and her staff at Refuge of Life. Right: The girls say grace before enjoying dinner together.



Left: Pastor Jerry Jeter prays for the Refuge of Life team. Center: Andrew Carricarte and Pastor Lilly discuss ideas for the home. Right: Jason Jeter connects with the girls through music.



Some members of the April 2024 Peru Vision team poses with hosts, Kristian and Abel Diaz. Left to right: Jeff Basik, Jerry Jeter, Jason Jeter, Kristian Diaz, Alice Sweet, John Sweet and Abel Diaz.

April Vision Trip – Bolivia

Haven of Hope Bolivia is always excited to share its victories and dreams with visitors. The Bolivia Vision Team connected with staff and children at Haven of Hope and received extensive information about the programs, advances and future plans during their short stay in Santa Cruz.



Vision Team members pose with some staff and children during the tour of Haven of Hope. Left to right: Nelly Chambi, Cathy Trentini, Yuliana, Jeff Basik, Damaris Ponce, Marco Aldana, Maria, Tom Fabris, Angela, Lizeth, Pastor Steve, Estefania, Anachely, Josue, Alice Sweet, John Sweet, Ezequiel, Veronica Vedia, Melany, Gladys Jimenez, Andrew Carricarte, and Rossi.



Everyone's favorite part of trips: Connecting with our amazing children! Left: Rossi, Andrew, Jesus and Jhoan pose for a photo. Left Center: Rossi, Alice and Mary Luz smile for the camera. Right Center: Rosa receives gifts from long-term sponsor, Jeff Basik. Right: Oscar poses with long-term sponsor, Tom Fabris.



From the youngest girls in Peru (Left: Alice and John at Refuge of Life) to the young adults aging out of orphan care (Center: Group visiting the off-campus transition home in Santa Cruz) to the next generation (Right: Marco gets a photo with Brenda and her daughter, Niham), our vision teams make an impact in the present and future of our Family of Hope.

New Life Academy Visits in May

Bishop Eric Johnson and Pastor Denise Johnson, pastors of the New Life Worship Center in Fort Myers, Florida brought a team teachers, students and parents from their school, the New Life Academy to Haven of Hope Bolivia in May 2024. The team donated valuable school supplies and educational materials, exchanged educational ideas and information with the professional team, helped with maintenance, spent a fun-filled day at the Botanical Gardens with the children, participated in a talent show and even celebrated Mother's Day on campus.



Left: Bishop Johnson and First Lady Denise visit the children at Life and Light School.. Center: Rossi poses with Lennysha. Right: Makayla plays cards with the girls.



Left: The team poses after delivering gifts to the children. Left Center: Youth from New Academy deep clean the laundry room. Right Center: Ivania Johnson and youth deep clean the laundry room. Right: New Life Academy and Haven of Hope Bolivia celebrate with a Talent Show..



Haven of Hope received school supplies and educational materials from New Life Academy.



The Mother's Day Celebration at Haven of Hope included a delicious meal, a gift from the men at Haven of Hope and balloons from New Life Academy! Left: Mothers pose with their gifts. Right: New Life Academy gathers to deliver Mother's Day balloons.

Riverside Families Group visits in June

The Riverside Families Group returned to Haven of Hope Bolivia with to continue to create life-long, transforming relationships. Janet Lynn Yeomans, the leader of this group, includes even the youngest children from their children's church, who regularly pray for specific children at Haven of Hope, by inviting the entire family to join the team. While working on those relationships, the team worked around campus building picnic tables, updating spaces for a sensory walk, led Sunday School and brought WannaBeCity to Santa Cruz.



Left: The Riverside Families Group heading to Bolivia. Right: The famous cookies that help finance their trip!



Left: HOH's baking intern and Riverside member, Gracie Morgan, receives the sustainability program's new oven along with Juan Miguel Robles, Haven of Hope's newest staff member who is coordinating local fundraising and the sustainability programs. Left Center: Jessie, Lydia and Rosa prepare for a baking session. Right Center: A baking center in full course. Right: The famous cookies that helped finance trips are also a favorite treat at Haven of Hope!



Left and Center: Pastor Jeff teaches a carpentry class as part of WannaDoCity. Right: The project creates two gorgeous, heavy duty picnic tables made from local Tajibo wood.



Other WannaBeCity activities included medical and first aid class (left), jewelry making (left center), T-shirt design with tie-dye (right center) and printing with a Cricut (right).



Left: Steve Yeomans leads an auto-mechanics class as part of the WannaBeCity activity. Left Center: Adriana shares her creativity by designing this lovely sweatshirt during the T-shirt making activity. Center: Life-long friendships are being formed; in this case, between Cedar and Jhoan. Right Center: Juan Miguel and Heidi prepare a delicious, American picnic-style lunch. Right: Christine and Melany play paddy-cake, a favorite pastime this trip.

Riverside Twenties Co. Group

Riverside's Twenties Co. Pastor, Rob Christian, came to Haven of Hope in 2023 with his entire family. He felt drawn to connect the group of young adults he pastors with the young people in Haven of Hope's transition to independent living program. The purpose of this trip was to form relationships and to encourage the young people who are in an important, decision making phase that will affect the rest of their lives.



The Riverside Twenties Co. Group had a picnic lunch and spent the afternoon with the Youth Development participants at the Botanical Gardens.



The young people from each group created encouragement posters for each other and prayed for one another.



A day trip to Samaipata was an unforgettable experience - a first for most of our youth! Left: The group hiked El Fuerte de Samaipata, ruins that reflect its cultural, spiritual and historical importance. Center: Rest stops along the way provided perfect opportunities to connect. Right: Angela poses with the breathtaking view.



The group also prayed over Marcos and Esther and their new home on campus, which was recently completed. They helped them move in.



Group photo of the Riverside Twenties Co. Group

¡Hasta Pronto!

Haven of Hope Bolivia LOVES hosting teams. Each group leaves an important impact in our children and, in Mama Gladys's words, "Gives us all an injection of love and hope." Thank you for following His instructions to visit the orphans! You are a valued member of our Family of Hope.



Left: Heidi, Jessie and Gladys enjoy an afternoon at the cabins by the Piray River. They say once you cross the river, there's no going back - you're officially Cruceño! Right: "Welcome to Santa Cruz - The Heart of South America". We hope to host you again soon.

God bless you!