



HAVEN OF HOPE BOLIVIA



October 2024 – December 2024

Helpers of the Fatherless

**"But you, God, see the trouble of the afflicted; you consider their grief and take it in hand...
You are the helper of the fatherless."**

–Psalm 10:14 (NIV)

The Hebrew word for "helper" found in Psalm 10:14 carries a connotation of surrounding. Other Bible verses that allude to the Lord's protective embrace include Psalm 125:2 which states, "As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the Lord surrounds his people both now and forever more," and Psalm 34:7 which declares, "The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him, and he delivers them." This imagery illustrates how God encompasses the fatherless as part of his people to help and protect them. Haven of Hope is honored to witness God's people serving as His arms, His hands and His feet to embrace the fatherless every single day.

Directors Gladys Jimenez and Marco Aldana and the staff at Haven of Hope Bolivia have dedicated their lives to helping orphaned children. As a Family of Hope, we share life experiences, such as birthdays, not only with the children but also with the people who serve them.



Left: Marco and his family celebrating his birthday with the children from Haven of Hope. Center: Gladys celebrating her birthday with staff members and HOHB family Gracie Morgan, Esther Camacho, Naomi Trout, Magdalena Andrez, Veronica Vedia and Elena Camargo. Right: Other staff members who celebrated birthdays this quarter are Samuel Garcia, Damaris Ponce and Veronica Vedia.

Haven of Hope International Orphan Care Training Institute

The Haven of Hope International Orphan Care Training Institute shapes the future of orphan care by empowering orphanage directors and their staff through insights and strategies that move homes from crisis to hope. In October, 68 institutions in Santa Cruz participated in 2 days of in-person training that Haven of Hope International held in collaboration with the Social Policies Service Department of the State Government of Santa Cruz. This event impacted the lives of the 4930 children whom these institutions serve as well as their caregivers. The training institute also provides online classes to our partner homes - preparing the helpers that God sends to His children.



Left: Dr. John Sweet shares his wealth of knowledge and experience in foster and orphan care. Center: Gladys and Marco create the connection not only with the audience but also between Haven of Hope International and the local authorities who helped organize the event. Right: Alice Sweet shares her fund-raising expertise to help the leaders of the homes raise the standard in orphan care by being creative and strategic in obtaining finances to fund programs and projects.



Left: John and Alice deliver a Certificate of Participation and a Nation of Orphans flag to Maria Pia Huebe, a long-time colleague in orphan care. Each participant received a Certificate of Participation, and each institution took home a Nation of Orphans flag. Center: Aracely Davalos, former psychologist at Haven of Hope Bolivia, and Gladys Jimenez hold a Hope Heart. Right: Adriana Baqueros, a HOHB Youth Development participant; Cyntia Aldana, HOHB's Education Coordinator, and Damaris Ponce, HOHB's psychologist pose with Hope Hearts.



Left: Adriana Baqueros shares her testimony as a young woman who grew up in orphanages to encourage the caregivers to persevere and that she is proof that their work is not in vain. Pappa Marco proudly watches. Center: John and Alice Sweet pose with a participant receiving her certificate. Right: The staff from Haven of Hope Bolivia provided excellent service for the participants and speakers alike.



Left: The audience poses for a photo at the end of two days of training. Right: Haven of Hope Bolivia and Haven of Hope International pose together, celebrating a successful event.



Left: John and Alice ministered at the Abundant Life Church of God and took this photo with Marco's mom, Yanet Valda; Marco; Pastor Johnny Aguilera; Gladys; Cathy and Lucas. Center: Cathy, Gladys, Gracie, Naomi and Alice pose after a lovely meal and fellowship on Sunday afternoon. Right: Alice snaps a selfie before dinner at the transition home with Neida, Martha, Gladys, Graciela, Eva and Luz Marina.

October 2024 Vision Trip

Haven of Hope Bolivia rejoices each time helpers of the fatherless visit to encourage and refresh the Family of Hope in Bolivia. Well aware of the implications of leaving behind family and other commitments to invest in the lives of people on another continent, we are deeply grateful for their sacrifice. In October, a group that included board members, former interns and leaders from Capital City Church, Denver United Methodist Church and Riverside Church visited to "inject love and hope" in the words of director Gladys. They visited the new transition home, where young women have a safe place to live while moving towards independent living, and toured the main campus facilities. They also accompanied the children in some of their favorite activities: games and a quincenañera celebration! This group of people have a long-term commitment to our children and the home that is providing Haven of Hope for them.



Left: Marco Aldana, John and Alice Sweet, Jeff Basik, Naomi Trout, Heidi Basik, Jerry Wallace, Cathy Trentini, Gary Garlow, Joanne Wallace, Harrison Stone, Jonathan Foskey, Matt Stone, Ben Nobles, Kevin Basik, Lana Belton, Tina Fauble, Tom Fabris, Gracie Morgan, Tony LaMantia, Brian Basik and Chris Spencer.



Left: At the transition home, the group learns about the programs that assist the young women in our Youth Development program. Center: Ben Nobles hugs Martha, both excited that the young women have such a beautiful space to live. Right: The team poses for a photo in the living room of the transition home.



Left: Oscar receives treats from his sponsor, board member Tom Fabris. Center: Joanne and Jerry Wallace join in on the fun with water games on a hot, humid day. Right: Lana Belton and Isabel take a photo together.



Left: Tony LaMantia, Ben Nobles, Kevin Basik and Brian Basik spend time with the boys. They are role models that our boys look up to. Center left: Jeff Basik, Chris Spencer, Tom Fabris, Ben Nobles, Brian Basik, Kevin Basik and Tony LaMantia ready for a fulfilling day at Haven of Hope. Center right: John Sweet delivers seeds to our green-thumb maintenance man, Placido. Right: Pastor Matt and Oscar take a selfie together.

Quinceañera Fiesta

A highlight not only of this trip but also of the year at Haven of Hope Bolivia is celebrating the coming-of-age birthday at 15 years old. Our Family of Hope from the USA helped make this occasion extra special with their presence, words of blessing and keepsake gifts.



Left: Gladys and Marco pose with Brittany, Javier and Daniela. Center: Brittany, Javier and Daniela show off their elegant attire. Right: Alice and John pose with the birthday celebrants.



Left: Kevin Basik escorted Brittany on her special night. Center: Joanne Wallace accompanied Javier. Right: Jeff Basik ushered Daniela to her special moment.



Left: The Basik family creates a memory with the 15-year-olds. (Jeff, Brian, Brittany, Javier, Daniela, Heidi and Brian.) Right: Representatives of Capital City Church take a photo with the celebrants. (Jonathan, Tina, Lana, Brittany, Javier, Daniela, Harrison and Pastor Matt.)



Left: Joanne and Jerry Wallace pose with Anachely, who also participated in the celebration to commemorate having turned 15 last year with her sponsors. Center: Damaris and Cyntia enjoy the party, ready to deliver a special gift. Right: HOHB's social worker, Nelly Chambi, poses with Oscar and Brittany.



Left: Daniela dances with Placido's son, Caleb. Left center: Alice poses with sisters Eva and Erika. Center: Gary poses with his sponsored child, Naomi. Right center: Joanne shows off a purse that Roy David made for her. Right: Erika dances with her brother, Javier.



Left: Tony and Gracie take a selfie. Left center: Naomi and Kimberly enjoy dinner. Right center: HOHB's Local Fundraising and Sustainability Coordinator, Juan Miguel Robles, was the MC of the evening. Beside him are HOHB Director, Gladys; HOHI Program Coordinator, Cathy and HOHB's Boys' Educator, Samuel. Right: HOHB's accountant, Graciela, poses with Heidi Basik.

Sew2Sow Workshop

Equipping our children and youth is a vital part of preparing them for a brighter future. Sharing vocations, then, is more than an interesting activity that might turn into a fun hobby, as evidenced by the testimonies of dozens of young adults who aged out that have been able to use these skills to earn a living. Tina Fauble has been providing up-cycled clothing to Haven of Hope for years, and during the October Vision Trip, the impact of her ministry expanded to Bolivia as she offered Sew2Sow Ministries workshops for the children, staff and other women from the church community.



Left: Tina and Lana display up-cycled clothing donated through Sew2Sow Ministries. Right: Tina admires pieces the children have learned to make in previous sewing workshops at Haven of Hope Bolivia.



Left: Gladys, Lana, Tina, Cyntia and Veronica pose with the Sew2Sow guidebook and logo donated to HOHB. Left center: Tina poses with Mary Luz, who is modeling a dress created in Sew2Sow Ministries. Left right: Mary Luz and Yandi show off their dresses. Right: A workshop was opened for the church community, many of whom have volunteered their time to Haven of Hope in the past.



Left: A vision trip would be incomplete without a taste of local culture! Here the group enjoys a typical “camba” dinner, deepening bonds already forming with the Family of Hope.

Peru Vision Trip

Part of the October Vision Team went straight from Bolivia to visit the Refuge of Life Orphanage in Pucallpa, Peru. Highlights of the short visit were a baptism service, walking the neighborhood and a special time of sharing stories, testimonies and vision between the team and the staff and children.



Left: The Peru vision team included Cathy Trentini, Chris Spencer, Brian Basik, Ben Nobles, Alice and John Sweet, Tony LaMantia, Tom Fabris and Jeff Basik (not pictured). Right: Some staff members at Refuge of Life include cooks Lourdes Chaupis and Cemira Rojas; caregiver mothers Delicia Perez and Ofelia Rojas; volunteer Kristian Diaz (Pastora Lilly's son), volunteer Abel Diaz (Pastora Lilly's husband); Yazmin Diaz, who works in communication; director and pastor Lilly San Martin; psychologist Gabriela Rios and coordinator Matilde "Toti" San Martin.



Left: Misael Vargas, who works for Refuge of Life in transportation, plays the guitar and sings in his native language and dress as part of the baptism service. Left center: Pastora Lilly and Toti lead the group of recently baptized believers in prayer to close the baptism service. Center: A group of sisters from the church and their children danced in typical clothing during the baptism service. Right center: Attendees at the baptism service by the pool. Right: Typical dress and dance of a jungle area in Peru.



Left: A view of the group of young people to be baptized. Center: Thumbs up from Nicole, psychologist Gabriela and Betty. Right: Xiomara and Luciana pose for a photo.



Left: Pastora Lilly's mother, Marina; Pastora Lilly and Toti enjoy the fellowship after the baptism ceremony. Center: Tony, Tom, Brian and a group of girls wave at the drone. Right: A group of girls send greetings outside of one of the Refuge of Life homes.



Left: Chris smiles for the camera after the baptism service. Left center: Thom has lunch with the young ladies at Refuge of Life. Right center: Gabriela and the girls enjoy a chat on a motokar, a favorite form of transportation in Pucallpa. Right: John sweet poses with Gabriela and Pastora Lilly.



Left: Alice snaps a selfie of the group touring the Yarina Cocha Lake. Left center: Ben with typical riverside structures. Right center: Tom, Brian and Jeff share a photo. Right: Cathy with young women from Refuge of Life.

HOHB Main Campus Dream Center Upgrade

The dream center that houses the Psychology and Education Departments on Haven of Hope's main campus is one of the oldest buildings on the property. A structural and cosmetic remodel close to 10 years ago greatly improved its appearance and functionality, but over the last few years, the home had been struggling to eliminate a problem of termites eating through the old floors.

On the other hand, the psychology office was one big open room, which was uncomfortable for individual therapy due to frequent interruptions.

However, thanks to the generosity of our donors, new flooring has been installed to prevent termite invasions. In addition, half-walls were added to create separate therapy spaces and full walls built to provide a private office for the psychologist, separate from the therapy spaces. We are grateful to those who have helped provide therapeutical spaces where our children can be restored and thrive.



Left: Our psychologist now has private office space. Right: Play therapy area.



Left: A space for decompressing and calm activities. Right: Group therapy and other meetings space.

Other Activities Around Campus

Each activity at Haven of Hope serves a purpose to love, rescue, restore and equip our children. Our directors and staff work diligently to create an environment where children can thrive, and our sponsors are committed to providing the stability required for them to do so.



Left: Angela works on her spiritual journal, an activity that was promoted by Beth Webley in a recent trip to Bolivia. All of the older children have designated times for Bible reading, devotions and spiritual journaling. Center: Rossy and Mary Luz affectionately receive Sila (center) at her welcome party on the first day of her arrival. Right: Pastora Carmen helps Yandi with a needlepoint. She frequently volunteers at Haven of Hope, doing crafts, praying with the children and offering spiritual counsel with the love of a grandmother. She often arrives with yummy treats like her homemade cakes!



Left: Bladimir displays his artwork. Center: Pastora Carmen needlepoints with Oscar and Jesus. Right: Jonathan shows off his creation.



Left: Oscar celebrates his birthday. Left center: Kimberly painted this lovely sunset. Right center: The Esther group celebrates Isabel's birthday. Right: Samuel uses visual aids while teaching at HOHB church services.



Left: Adriana and her class share what they learned in Sunday School. Right: The Esther group during group devotions.

Education, Helping our Children by Equipping Them

Education serves as a cornerstone for building a brighter future, and Haven of Hope strives to provide great opportunities for learning and growth. Although many of our children come to us with academic delays due to negligence, many of them not only catch up but

go on to be outstanding students. Haven of Hope also provides options for vocational and technical training as well as university studies.



Some of our honor roll students. Left: Anachely Center: Angela Right: Brittany



Left: Carlota came to Haven of Hope when she was 10 years old. Left center: In December, she finished college with a degree in Communications. Right center: Neida grew up at Haven of Hope from a very young age. Right: In December, she graduated from cosmetology school and dreams of becoming a lawyer.

Christmas Celebrations in December

A wonderful way we get to help our children is by reframing holidays and other special events to create positive associations with them. This December, Haven of Hope celebrated with visitors from the United States as well as local institutions, which generated plenty of holiday cheer to the campus.

Dave and Diane Visit Haven of Hope

Dave and Diane Russ brought bundles of joy to the children and staff at Haven of Hope. From movies to trampoline parks to bowling and swimming pools to participating in end-of-the-year events and a Christmas decorations competition where the children's creativity shined, there was fun around every corner.



Left: Dave delivers a prize to Tia Esther's group at an end-of-the-year activity that awards achievements of groups and individuals. Left center: Diane poses with Rosa and her prize. Right center: One of the boys drew Tio Dave on their bedroom window as part of their Christmas decorations. Right: Javier poses with Tio Dave to show off the drawing.



Left: Gladys and the boys take a photo at the movie theater. Right: A group photo at the swimming pool.



Left: Kimberly poses by some of the decorations in her dorm room. Left center: Katherine poses by a nativity scene her group set up. Center: Rosa, Noemi and Jhoan wishing everyone a "Merry Navidad". Right center: Sila sits by a nativity scene. Right: Rossy and Noemi pose by a Christmas tree decoration on the wall.



Left: Oscar shows off more Christmas-themed window art in the boys' dorm. Center: Mary Luz, Caleb, Jhoan, Mary Luz and Caleb sit by the "fireplace" the boys set up in their living area. Right: Maria Rosa receives her prize from Mamma Gladys and Cathy.



Left: A group photo in the Esther group dorm. Center: The nativity scene in the Deborah group dorm. Right: A group photo by the fireplace in the boys dorm.



Left: Javier poses by the snowman fridge in the boys dorm. Left center: The Deborah A group poses with their decorations. Center: A nativity scene window drawing in the boys dorm. Right center: A Christmas tree decoration made with photos. Right: Siblings Caleb and Noemi pose by yet another Christmas tree window decoration in the cafeteria.



Left: A Spanglish Christmas greeting. Center: Karla, Caleb, Noemi, Sila and Mary Luz pose by the prize table. Right: Daniela poses for a Christmas photo.

Brad, Angie, Alyssa and Tim visit

Brad, Angie and Alyssa Meany together with their friend, Tim Berry enjoyed a few fun-filled days with the children at Haven of Hope. They played outdoor games, indoor games, took a trip to the pool and most importantly got to know the children. The construction experts of this group provided great insight on some upcoming projects.



Left: Brad, Gladys, Marco and Tim pause for a photo before a busy day ahead. Left center: Angie holds Sila and Mary Luz as the children play games with Tim in the background. Right center: Alyssa spends time with the older girls. Right: Brad and Anachely in full sport mode.

More Christmas Fun in December!

Local institutions enjoy doing something special for children around Christmas time. This year, a private university called “Domingo Savio” presented a colorful moment full of donations, games and prizes. The children had a blast with the on campus Christmas and New Year’s celebrations, and our staff enjoyed a Christmas breakfast to celebrate 2024 wins.



Left: Santa gives gifts to Mary Luz and Yandi. Center: An elf delivers toy donations. Right: Mary Luz and Sila enjoy the balloon fun the elves provide.



Left: A group photo of the Domingo Savio representatives and the children of Haven of Hope. Center: Mary Luz plays with toys donated by the group. Right: Another colorful photo of the group.



Left: Caleb, Yandi, Katherine, Anachely, Maria and Daniela get a Christmas photo with decorations at the mall. Center: Neida, Martha, Alice, Eva and Luz Marina take a photo with Cynthia by the Christmas tree at the transition home. Right: Cynthia and Damaris accompany Mary Luz and Sila on a Christmas outing.



Left: Sila shows off her Christmas gifts. Center: Rossy and her Christmas gifts. Right: Karla and her Christmas gifts.



Left: Isabel and her Christmas gifts. Left center: Jesus and his Christmas gifts. Center: Rosa poses with a Christmas gift. Right center: Jhoan and his Christmas gifts. Right: Estefania and her Christmas gifts.



Left: Anachely's Christmas photo. Center: Staff Christmas breakfast and gift baskets. Right: Katherine and her Christmas gifts.



Fireworks are an essential part of Christmas and New Year's Celebrations in Bolivia, and the children love to watch the shows and play with sparklers! Left: Bladimir poses with his sparkler. Left center: Angela and her sparklers. Right center: Caleb celebrating with sparklers. Right: Rosa and her sparklers.



Left: Yandi, Rossy and Oscar play with sparklers. Center: Isabel and Rossy light their sparklers. Right: Isabel, Yandi, Rosa and Angela playing with sparklers together.



Left: New Year's Eve dinner is served!

ANOTHER YEAR'S OVER AND A NEW ONE'S JUST BEGUN

As 2024 comes to a close and we reflect on all the wonderful blessings that have been poured upon us, our hearts are full of gratitude and love to all the people who have

dedicated their lives, in one way or another, to surrounding the vulnerable to offer protection and guidance them.

And above all, eternal adoration goes to our Heavenly Father who promises to care from us from conception to the grave. “For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother’s womb. My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place, when I was woven together in the depths of the earth,” declares Psalm 139:13, 15. And Isaiah 46:4 asserts, “Even to your old age and gray hairs I am he, I am he who will sustain you. I have made you and I will carry you; I will sustain you and I will rescue you.” Or as echoed in the lyrics of “Always With Me” by iAmSon, “Even from my mother’s womb, never hidden from your view, I was always known to you. When I fade away in death, you will catch my final breath. You will take me to my rest. For you are always, always with me.”

Let us continue to follow His example as we enter the New Year, committing to Rescue, Love, Restore and Equip the children He places in our care, providing a Haven of Hope where they can flourish to fulfill the good plans and purposes of God in their lives. And let us pause to praise Him, knowing that each and every one of us – children, staff, directors and **sponsors** alike – are eternally seen and held in His loving hands.