



HAVEN OF HOPE BOLIVIA



July 2024 - September 2024

Transitions

"The Lord himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged."

Deuteronomy 31:8 (NIV)

General Assembly July 2024

Haven of Hope Bolivia accompanied Haven of Hope International to the 2024 Church of God General Assembly in Indianapolis, Indiana this July. Representatives from Refuge of Life Orphanage in Peru were also present. General Assembly provides great opportunities to reconnect with ministry partners, to create new connections and to generate awareness. Presence at these Assemblies has let to significant donations from Church of God entities.



Left: Gladys, pastors Jan and Dan Jarvis, Marco, Alice and John. The Jarvis's held a fundraiser that raised over \$150,000 towards the boys' new home in the Rhonda Jarvis Dream Center. Center: Marco receives a donation of sunglasses from Phil Thompson, the Director of Men and Women of Action, which is a Church of God ministry that focuses on construction assistance and disaster relief. Right: HOHI Leadership poses with one of many international leaders who visited the stand.



Left: Marco and Gladys pose with the Bolivian flag and a Nation of Orphans banner with Juan David's photo before the Parade of Nations. Center: Pastor Lilly San Martin, the director of Refuge of Life Orphanage in Peru, works at the HOHI stand. Right: Yazmin Diaz, pastor Lilly's daughter who leads in communication at Refuge of Life, poses in front of the HOHI stand with the hand-print parachute that was used as a backdrop.



Left: Angel Marcial Jr, Reny, Cathy and Dr. David Ramirez take a photo together. Angel Marcial Jr. has played a very significant role in the YWEA23 donation of over \$100,000 raised by Church of God Youth across the USA. Dr. David Ramirez was elected as Assistant Director of World Missions during this Assembly. Center: Marco, Adam Zygarewicz, Cathy and Alba Rosa pose at the HOHI stand. Adam Zygarewicz was an early pioneer of the Church of God in Bolivia, and Alba Rosa is leader from Bolivia. Right: Refuge of Life and Haven of Hope Bolivia pose with a World Missions representative at the HOHI stand.



Left: Preparing for the Parade of Nations - Cathy; Reny; Gladys; Marco; Dr. Angel Marcial, the Church of God Field Director for Latin America who has played a key role in creating excellent connections for Haven of Hope Bolivia with the Church of God; Dean Ramsey, State Director for Men and Women of Action in Pennsylvania;

Alice, John, and HOHI Ambassador, Russie Oaks. Right: Cathy, John and Alice pose with Dean Ramsey and his wife, Regina. Pastor Dean led a team that helped build the second-story dream center at Refuge of Life Orphanage in Pucallpa, Peru.

A Visit from the Guthries and the Gates

Haven of Hope Bolivia was blessed by a fun-filled visit from the Guthries and the Gates in July. Our writers and photographers enjoyed the Junior Journalist workshop while the little children enjoyed making balloon figures, doing spin art and other fun activities. This visit enriched already lovely relationships with both families.



Left: Liz and Mark Guthrie discuss the internal healing process with our psychologist, Damaris. Center: Friends pause for a hug during playtime. Right: The Guthrie girls pose with Rosie and Yandi.



Left: Janice Priem teaches the children to make animals, swords and other fun objects with balloons. Center: Lucas Aldana poses with his balloon crown. Right: Kevin Mulligan and Susanna Gates show off their balloon poodles.



Left: Laura Gates teaches a workshop called “Junior Journalist”. Left center: Samuel, Graciela and Julia aim their paper airplanes, ready for a group dynamic during the Junior Journalist Workshop. Right center: The Junior Journalist group met in the chapel. Right: Autumn Gates co-teaches the workshop.



Junior Journalist participants enjoyed practicing their photography skills in nature on a retreat day. Susanna Gates models in the center photo.

Internship Program

The first year of Haven of Hope’s Internship Program came to a close in August 2024. Internship Director, Alexis Basik, visited the campus to see the interns off and assist with the transition on campus. All four of the interns who served during this first year left a mark on the home. From English classes and tutoring sessions to psychology workshops and special occasions to remodeling the psychology office and donating Bibles to baking treats and having tea parties, our interns kept busy adding joy to the lives of our children and providing much needed assistance for staff with campus activities.



Left: Internship Director, Alexis Basik, visits HOHB. Center: Intern Gracie Morgan has a tea party with Laura Gates and the girls. Right: Naomi Trout's church donated new Bibles for each and every child.



Left: Baking Intern, Gracie Morgan, taught all groups of children, adolescents and youth on campus to make delicious breads during her summer internship. Left center: Mental Health Intern, Izzy Goninan, made the most of her semester-long stay at Haven of Hope with her dedication and hard-work. Right center: Mental Health Intern, Naomi Trout, donated a full year connecting with the children and using her unique skills for their benefit. Right: Education Intern, Olivia Reeves, spent a full year teaching English, tutoring and creating beautiful and fun spaces for the children to enjoy.

Other Transitions on Campus

This quarter brought more changes than just saying goodbye to our first interns. In staffing, Tio Placido requested a transfer to the maintenance/driver position when it opened up, and Samuel Garcia was subsequently hired as the boys' educator.

Additionally, the HOHB on-campus composition changed when the Rodas siblings went to live with their mother at the end of July. Then three new children were added to our family in August: Karla, Noemi and Caleb.

In the Youth Development Program, Brenda, Jadelin and Yoselina graduated from Phase III - Off-campus Transition Housing to Phase IV - Independent Living, and several young women advanced from Phase II - On-campus Transition Living to Phase III - Off-Campus Transition Housing. The Off-Campus Transition Housing itself moved to an even more convenient location in a beautiful home with lovely spaces, plenty of natural light, and better ventilation.



Left: Tio Placido receives school supplies in his former role as educator. Left center: The Trauma Informed Care Training Tio Placido received as an educator will continue to enrich his interactions with children as driver and in his maintenance role. Right center: Samuel earned his HOHI Trauma Informed Care Training Certificate back in 2022 as an on-campus volunteer, which makes him better prepared to take on his new role. Right: Samuel David now receives the school supplies - in this case for a new boy named Caleb.



Left: The Esther Group welcomes Karla to their module. Center: Caleb and Noemi joined the Family of Hope on August 9th. Their grandfather continues to visit them. Right: By court order for family reintegration, Paola, Junior and Sofia Rodas went to live with their mother.



The beautiful and spacious new transition home has three floors with 3 bedrooms, 5 bathrooms, a loft where up to 5 people could sleep and a back patio with a grill and laundry space. Left: Living room and front door. Center: Living room fireplace and hallway. Right: Kitchen



Left: Back patio Center: Staircase Right: Loft space

Social Studies Fair

Throughout the school year, Bolivian students participate in a variety of school fairs. August proved to be a perfect month for a Social Studies Fair to commemorate 199 years of Bolivia's Independence by studying its nine departments, or states. School fairs are colorful and lively events complete with food, music, typical dances and decorations.



Left: Ericka prepares balloons to decorate the stands. Left center: Katerine poses for a photo while preparing for her activities. Right center: Roy shows a poster he made as part of his presentation. He is standing behind a table full of typical foods from the department that his class studied - Cochabamba. Right: Angela shows the salteñas her group brought for the fair.



Left: Kimberly, Maria and Rosa pose by posters. Center: Maria and her classmates with typical foods from the region they were assigned to study. Right: Erica and her classmates with the flag from the department of

Beni and informative posters as a backdrop.

September Visit

September is a wonderful month in Santa Cruz. Celebrations in September include the first first day of spring, Student's Day, Love and Friendship Day, and Santa Cruz's Anniversary. This September was extra-special with visits from Beth Webley and Dave Russ!

Beth's focus was on the Transition Program. She met with the local leaders of the program and taught two important workshops: Spiritual Journaling and Scrapbooking. She also treated the young women who have completed the GPS Course, a program focused on finding God's purpose through a self-discovery process that recognizes God's unique design in each participant's life, to a lovely dinner to reward their efforts and review key topics from the class.

Dave Russ helped put the finishing touches on the soccer field for its inauguration, and, as usual, treated the children to special activities like a fun afternoon at a trampoline park. His love for landscaping led him to purchase some gorgeous plants to beautify the off-campus transition home, and he met with Omar, a local community leader and neighbor who has had a long relationship with Haven of Hope.



Left: Beth poses with Adriana, who translated the Scrapbooking Workshop. Center: Beth and the group of young women registered for GPS 2025. Right: Damaris, Cyntia and Graciela are local transition program leaders who meet regularly to ensure a positive experience at the off-campus transition home. In this photo they proudly display the new whiteboard to be used for maintaining an organized transition home.



Left: Dave Russ, Marco and Gladys show off the donuts the children will have for dessert after lunch. Center: Beth poses with the local transition program team: Gladys, Graciela, Damaris, Cyntia and Cathy. Right: Omar, Dave, Marco and Gladys met to discuss common interests and concerns, such as the current economic state in Bolivia.



Left: Dave poses with the winners of the youngest category of players during the inauguration of the soccer field. Center: The flag of Santa Cruz adorns the new soccer field on inauguration day. To commemorate Santa Cruz in its anniversary month, the snacks provided during the inauguration were typical pastries. Right: Members of the women's category champions pose for a photo.

A House for Esther

Tia Esther has worked as an educator at Haven of Hope Bolivia for over 15 years. Having studied elementary education after high school, one of her fortes has been teaching new children to recognize numbers and letters and how to read. For many years, she lived in the maintenance house on the front of the campus, a dark and humid space far from the little girls she serves.

Thanks to the generous donations from our sponsors, Esther now lives in a beautiful, furnished, one-bedroom home right behind the girls' dorm. Thank you for blessing Esther with a more adequate living space that allows her to be close to the girls she cares for and for the furnishings that make it feel like a home.



Left: A front door photo of the house Esther currently lives in during her 3 weeks per month on campus.

Center: Esther's new dining room furniture. Right: Esther and Mary Luz in Esther's furnished living room.

Thank you!

We are so grateful that amidst transitions and changes, we can count on God's faithful love and provision through generous people like you, who are willing to share their time, resources and talent to create this Haven of Hope! May God abundantly bless you!!!