



HAVEN OF HOPE BOLIVIA



November 2025 – December 2025

“For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is Given; And the government will be upon His shoulders. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.” Isaiah 9:6

Isaiah 9 highlights a stark contrast. A nation that had been “humbled”, a nation in “gloom” and “distress” (v.1) encounters hope (v. 2): “The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness, a light has dawned.” Yokes have been shattered (v. 4), and the nation rejoices with increasing joy because **unto us a child is born**, a Son whose government is righteous and just, ushering in an everlasting peace (v.10).

The children we serve at Haven of Hope, the **Nation of Orphans**, may come from places of gloom and distress but that is not the end of their story. Glory to God in the highest for our Savior, Jesus Christ! With His birth, nations that had been humbled find a future full of hope. We are eternally grateful for the Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace who took on human flesh to be called, Emmanuel – God with us.

Our desire at Haven of Hope is to serve our children by imitating Christ: rescuing, loving, restoring and equipping them for a life full of purpose according to the plan God has for their lives.

A Visit from Dr. Jennifer Doble Check

Dr. Jennifer Doble Check, a physical medicine and rehabilitation specialist who attends Riverside Church, spent a few days visiting Haven of Hope Bolivia on her way to Sucre to work with Solidarity Bridge, an organization dedicated to medical missions through training and equipping of medical communities. She spent time with both children and staff, sharing knowledge in her field and inspiring us with her service. In Sucre, she discovered a need for medical supplies that could be made of wood, so she reached out to Marco and secured an order for our carpentry program. We look forward to seeing Dr. Jennifer again as she expressed a desire to return to Haven of Hope with a Riverside group.



Far left: Dr. Jennifer spends time with Tia Magdalena and the boys. (Magdalena, Jesus, Jhoan, Luis Miguel, Dr. Jennifer, Yerko, Oscar, Alfredo and Caleb) Center left: Director Gladys, Dr. Jennifer, Psychologist Damaris, Education Director Cynthia, Accountant Graciela and Director Marco pose after a meeting. Center right: Dr. Jennifer works with Solidarity Bridge in Sucre. Far right: A happy client receives the medical supply boards made at Haven of Hope.

School Is Out!

In Bolivia, the school year ends in November. The last few weeks are filled with fairs, final projects and exams. Fairs are fun and colorful learning experiences, with posters, food, crafts and costumes. We are grateful for a successful school year. God has been faithful!



Our young women dress in typical costumes for a school activity. Left to right: Maria Rosa, Yandi, Brittany, Estefania, Daniela, Shirley, Kimberly, Maria and Rosa.

2025 Graduates

December is a month of graduations, and Haven of Hope celebrated this milestone with several young people in our programs. From high school to university and from English institutes to Bible School classes to nursing degrees, our young people are being equipped to be citizens who positively contribute to society.



Left: Daniela, Kimblery, Pappa Marco, Rosa, Lucas, Brittany and Angela take a photo before heading to Angela's graduation ceremony. Center: Angela in her cap and gown. Right: Angela poses with her guests after the graduation ceremony.



Left: Brian and Heidi Basik have been sponsoring Luz Marina for a decade. They traveled to Santa Cruz to celebrate her graduation with her. Here they pose in front of a building on campus before the ceremony. Center: Brian and Heidi walk Luz Marina down the aisle. Right: Luz Marina was accompanied by her sisters, Adriana and Martha; her sponsors, Heidi and Brian; and her Tia Cathy.



Left: Sarai poses with her graduating class from The Roca School. Center: Proud Pappa Marco walks Sarai down the aisle. Right: Brian and Heidi pose for a photo with Sarai at Haven of Hope's graduation dinner.



Left: Fabiana, daughter to our account, Graciela, poses with life-long friend, Sarai. Center: Jessenia, Samuel and Uncle Dave accompany Fabiana at her graduation. Right: Tia Cathy is another Haven of Hope representative at Fabiana's celebration.



Left: Mamma Gladys poses with Brittany at the graduation dinner. Center: Brittany, Angela, Estefania, Maria and Rosa complete a Bible School certificate. Right: Pappa Marco poses with Rosa at the graduation dinner.



Left: Our staff provide an excellent example of lifelong learning for our children. Tia Magdalena poses with her family after graduating from yet another level of preparation from Jada Biblical Ministerial Seminary. Center: Yuliana, a young woman who lives independently as part of our Family of Hope, graduates from her nursing program. Right: Haven of Hope celebrated its graduates with a lovely dinner. Here Angela poses with her friends: Jose Herlan, Fernanda, Eva, (Angela), Yadelin, Adriana (who has completed her English institute classes and has moved on to college), Martha and Aracely Nicol.

Celebrating Thanksgiving

With the 2025 school year behind them, the education and psychology departments teamed up to focus on rewarding life values that reach beyond the academic realm. This year, the focus was on gratitude. Each group prepared visual aids to participate in a thanksgiving contest. The Youth Development group helped decorate for the event and expounded on a collaborative poster about things they are grateful for individually and as a group. The boys created a soccer-themed poster and performed a drama. Karla represented the younger girls, describing their poster of thankfulness before the group danced a choreography. And the older girls created an identity board, thanking God for who they are in him. The activity concluded with prizes for individuals and groups who best demonstrated the values promoted in this activity during the semester.



Left: Adriana, Martha, Eva and Luz Marina created this beautiful backdrop for photos. Center: Karla presented her group's poster with the help of Sila. Right: The transition students pose with their collaborative poster.



Left: Veronica's group created this identity center with thank-you cards from each teen. Center: The Esther group did a choreography. Right: The boys' soccer themed poster.

Blessed by Visits from Family in December

Haven of Hope joyfully received visits from the Family of Hope in December. Dave Russ delighted children and staff with his energy and generosity. He took the children shopping and to fun activities like the movies. He also made time to visit children who are no longer living on campus, sponsored prizes for the Thanksgiving Celebration and provided maintenance on the much-enjoyed volleyball court. We are grateful for his contributions!

Brian and Heidi Basik also joined us for the graduation of their sponsored daughter, Luz Marina. They hauled 5 suitcases filled to the brim with sponsor gifts for the children and

special orders for the staff. The insight and wisdom they pour into our children, youth and staff is always much appreciated. Their contributions to this Family of Hope continue to make a positive impact.



Far left: Dave visits Jesus and Jhoan, who have recently left Haven of Hope to live with their father. Center left: Brian, Marco, Misael and Heidi pause for a photo before the welcome home breakfast. Center right: Heidi brought along Adriana's new laptop! She combined resources from a generous gift from donors to her own savings to buy a quality piece of equipment that will last. Far right: Dave joins Roy David, Juan David and Anachely on a sibling visit.

Christmas 2025 at Haven of Hope Bolivia

Christmas preparations started early this year with a favorite activity - making Christmas cards for our sponsors! This year, with the help of local church friends, our children created two world-class Christmas videos to share with sponsors during the Christmas Connection Call. Children received the gifts from sponsors that afternoon and enjoyed an intimate meal and fireworks on Christmas Eve. Thank you for making Christmas special for our children!



Far left: Yerko displays his artwork. Left center: Angela shows off her work. Center: The young teens use their creativity to show affection to their sponsors. Right center: The older teens create their masterpieces. Far right: Bladimir proudly exhibits his Christmas cards.



Far left: Maria Rosa poses for a photos with the Christmas outfit she used at the Sponsor Christmas Connection Call. Center left: Rosy hugs her Christmas gifts. Center: Aracely, Maria Rosa and Anabel pose in their Christmas gear. Center right: Noemi smiles with her gifts. Far right: Anabel, Maria Rosa and Aracely are the stars of the Christmas photos.



Left: Brittany and Oscar prepare to participate in Christmas Around the World. Center left: Caleb is ready to connect with children around the world. Center right: Mamma Gladys glows with Christmas joy. Far right: Jonathan and Yerko prepare for Christmas Around the World.



Left: Karlita receives Christmas gifts. Center: Yerko and his gifts. Right: Shirley poses for a photo with her gifts she received for Christmas.

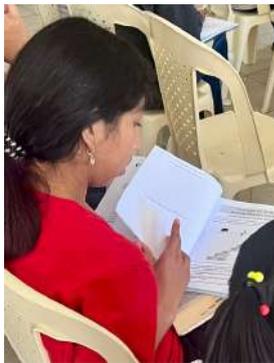
Other Vacation Activities

During summer vacation, which lasts from the end of November through the first week of February, Haven of Hope offers a variety of recreational activities while taking a break from

regular program. This year, the children had the opportunity to participate in music classes to learn drums, guitar, keyboard and singing. They ended these classes by sharing their skills during praise and worship at an end-of-the-year service. A program that never ends is discipleship, so the children continue to study the Bible and participate in church activities throughout the summer. And this year, the older girls are taking a specialized, intensive sewing class thanks to a generous sponsor.



Left: The Deborah group enjoys an outing to the plaza. Center: Yerko plays the drums, showing off skills he's been acquiring in the music lessons offered at Haven of Hope. Right: Brittany, Shirley, Erika and Angela perform after several months of singing lessons at Haven of Hope.



Left: Katerine reads her lesson in Sunday School. Center: Adriana, Maria and Sarai pose with their Sunday School class. Right: Jhoan reads his Bible.



Left: Kimberly and Rosa participate in intensive sewing classes this summer. Center: Maria at the sewing machine. Right: Erika shows off her work.



Birthdays are always special occasions at Haven of Hope! Left: Javier celebrates with the boys. Center left: Isabel celebrates with her group. Center right: Samuel and Damaris enjoy a birthday pause with staff. Far right: Baldimir celebrates with the boys and his siblings.



New children arrived at Haven of Hope this summer! Left: The Esther group receives sisters Abigail and Analy. (Left to right: Tia Magdalena, Karla, Yandi, Noemi, Abigail, Analy, Isabel, Aracely, Anabel and Social Worker, Nelly). Right: Tio Samul receives Bibles for new members of his group, Alexander and Isaias. Isaias is brother to Abigail and Analy.



Our social worker, Nelly, helps our team stay in touch with children who have left our home and helps our children connect to siblings in other institutions. Far left: Nelly has been staying in touch with Duniar and helped him register for his military service. Center left: Carmen Belen produces income for herself and her boys by selling crochet items through Products of Hope. Center right: Nelly also provides us with updates on Marco and Lizeth, who are currently living in Brazil with their sister. Far right: Nelly arranged a meeting between Jonathan and his brother. They are unable to live at the same home due to his brother's need for special care.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!



We love and appreciate you!

We are very grateful for our Family of Hope. Together, we reflect the love of our Savior, who left his glorious home to live among us and demonstrate in very real ways that He is Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. May we all continue to faithfully represent Him to the children and youth we serve. God bless you!