

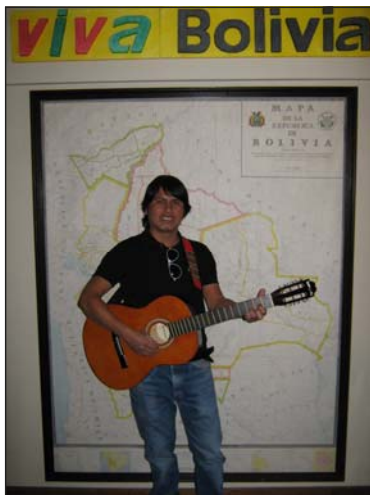
Planting Seeds for a New Generation

This issue was written by Maggie Sanchez. She has worked with Viva Bolivia in the past and we asked her to give us a Bolivian perspective on how Viva Bolivia and the grants we give are making a difference in her country. Enjoy!

As I think about Viva Bolivia I am so thankful for your unfailing generosity and how it has resulted in advancing the Kingdom of God in the lives of both children and teenagers in Bolivia.

Impacting and shaping the lives of children and teenagers is crucial for the future of our nation. Bolivia needs a transformed generation that looks up to God. In this update I am privileged to share with you how your gifts are impacting both individuals and organization that are reaching out to plant God's Word in young people's hearts. Viva Bolivia has contributed to this undertaking through support and grants. Today's children have the potential of shaping our tomorrow. Thank you Viva Bolivia and those who support this powerful ministry!

Wilson Villanueva leads a Christian center for children and pre-teens a few kilometers from downtown Cochabamba. Weekly Friday and Saturday meetings are aimed towards instilling Christian values as well as guiding young people and their families through music and Bible studies.



Wilson and his new guitar!

Feliza Huanca is mother of 5 children whose ages range between 9-months to 14-years old. She and her husband and their children moved

from a very rural area to the city of Cochabamba. They now live in the impoverished southern side of town. Two months ago she began to attend the "Los Amigos" church (where Viva Bolivia's attorney, Christian Condori attends).

The family needed food, clothing, school materials and health care. Her husband's salary was insufficient and Feliza's health was fragile. Viva Bolivia extended a helping hand by buying them school materials and clothing. Not wanting to miss out, the children from their church also chipped in by helping them with some food and clothing following the example from the Bible of the Good Samaritan found in Luke 10:25-37.



Clothes and school supplies for Feliza's family

Bolivia Trivia

Controversial president of Bolivia, Melgarejo (1864-1871), gave away extensive Bolivian land to a Brazilian Minister in exchange for?

- A. Historical Bolivian treasures
- B. Political and financial support
- C. Minister's daughter's hand in marriage
- D. A magnificent white horse

Casa de Amor (Homes of Love) is a Christian institution that reaches out to and shelters



New blankets for children at Casa de Amor!

abandoned and orphaned children from infant to 8-years of age. At present they have three homes that care for more than 30 children. This year the cold season was unusually cold and Viva Bolivia made a special donation to purchasing 20 super-warm blankets. Jennifer Thompson, the Institution’s director, was grateful for the gift to help in keeping the children’s little bodies and hearts warm this past winter.

Alfredo Martinez and Wilson Villanueva organized yet another camp for children and teenagers at Ivirza Valley with the objective of teaching the children about Jesus and providing a fun time of play and growth. About 350 campers from the ages of 5 to 17 attended completely



Campers at Ivirza Valley watch a skit and sing.

free of charge. In between the different sports activities and excursions to the river, the Word of God—real hope—was taught to these future leaders.

Alfredo and Wilson invested from their own resources for the general costs and Viva Bolivia helped them by buying sports equipment for the camp’s sporting activities.



Lunch time campers. Yum!

These are some small ways that children and teenagers are being touched and blessed through your prayers and generosity. The seeds of kindness planted in these young lives are our hope for a transformed future generation of adults. These young people live in a socially confusing and financially difficult world, we hope that through the work carried out by Viva Bolivia we can generate smiles and produce changed lives! Thank you for planting with us and being catalysts for important changes in the future of this nation. May your days also be filled with many smiles and unexpected blessings.

—Maggie Sanchez

Thanks Maggie! We count it an honor to serve in Bolivia and want to continue to bring “Leadership for Today and Hope for Tomorrow” for many years to come. In our next issue we will do our annual Year in Review for 2010 and share some photos from the gifts we were able to sponsor during the Christmas season. Thank you for your continued support!

Bolivia Trivia Answer:

D. A magnificent white horse

Editors note: History says that after a Brazilian Minister gave Melgarejo a white horse as a gift, Melgarejo took out a map of Bolivia and putting the horse’s hoof on the map gave all that immense extension of rich land away to Brazil.