

# Reaching Children in Bolivia



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Hi there! As we head into the Christmas Season, we are thankful for so many gifts from God. First of all for the gift of His Son, for salvation and eternal life. We are also so thankful for our family. Grace has adjusted well to homeschooling. Timothy has decided not to pursue soccer as a career, and would like to get a job while he finishes high school online. Pray that he will draw closer to God. Janessa has been doing well, making some progress on her health and her online Prairie Course as well as editing the Good News Club that we are now broadcasting on a local radio station every Saturday morning. Pray that many lives will be touched through this new ministry, especially in villages where there are no churches established.

At the end of October we helped with the Orality Course for indigenous peoples. It was a unique approach, but there was somewhat of a language barrier. The translators did not come, so the ones who understood some Spanish tried to translate for the others (both into Yaminawa and Ese Eja). Sadly, due to the language difficulty some of the people had a hard time mastering the lessons, but said they still learned a lot and realized that they needed to love others and would return to their villages as better Christians. Many of the people said that the method was extremely helpful for them. One man said that this method helped get to the actual meaning of lessons that before were just stories. A Yaminawa man said that normally when he hears somebody preach or teach it just goes by too quickly for him to understand it but that the repetition in this method helped him and now he feels that God wants him to preach to others. Pray for Yair and Rosangela who are struggling with several serious issues but have decided to work on their marriage and on their walk with the Lord.



Orality Course leaders and students



Katie receiving crocheted gifts from children at Scarborough Baptist Church and lady in Orillia

Please pray for the right house parents for Hogar Shalom. We need a new couple for the boys' home and a woman or couple for the girls' home by February 1<sup>st</sup> since Yasmine, the girls' house mother, is having serious health issues and needs to leave. There is a possibility of a pastor who used to be a street kid. Pray for Godly parents who will see this as their life ministry. The changeovers are proving to be very hard on the children as they get attached only to have the parents leave again.

Please pray for Kenneth as he injured his knee. The doctors recommended surgery, but the family chose not to operate. Pray also for Saramma and Michael. They are leaving us to be reunited with their younger sister and mother in Cochabamba. They ask for prayer that their mother will come to know the Lord as her Saviour and that

she will allow them to attend church. It is hard to see them go. Pray for Alexander as he will be returning to his village for part of the school vacation. He is concerned that he might return to bad habits like smoking, as he will be surrounded by a different lifestyle there. Praise the Lord we are welcoming in three children: Jonathon aged 11, his 7 year old sister Yolanda and his 3 year old brother James. We are also waiting to speak to a family of four children that were hoping to join us for the new school year starting February.

During our transition to MSC Canada, unfortunately support has come down. Pray with us as we trust that God will continue to supply our needs as He always has. Our financial support is sent through <https://msccanada.org/donee/melgar-jose-april/> while donations for Hogar Shalom orphanage are sent through <https://msccanada.org/donee/hogar-shalom/> .

Thank you so much for your prayers and support. May God bless you richly.

In His service,

Jose, April, Janessa, Timothy and Grace Melgar

"For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the Lord, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end."

Jeremiah 29:11

