

Latin American Ministries

Caring for needy children in South America

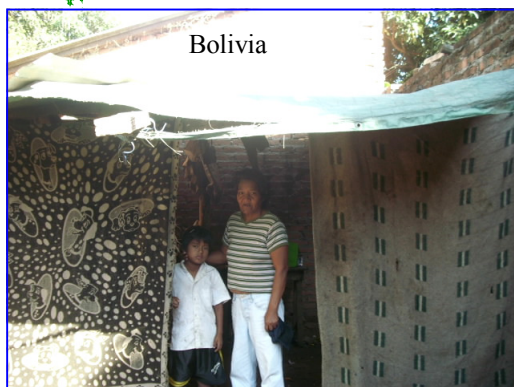
OCTOBER - DECEMBER 2011 NEWSLETTER

Dear “**SMARTkids**” Aunties & Uncles & LAM prayer partners,

Another Christmas; another year almost gone! A year of challenges and victories, praise God! 2012 on the horizon. What to expect? Only God knows, but He has promised never to leave us nor forsake us.

“I know who holds the future and I know He holds my hand!”

We have tremendous follow-up news on our last newsletter. You may remember just as we were leaving for the UK we received a request for beds for some of the children we support in Bolivia, who were sleeping on the floor. Our only LAM meeting whilst we were over there was in Dublin, with Tony and Joan Meade’s house group: a much-loved venue, when-ever we come home. They have been behind us



right from the beginning in a wonderful way and I told them of our new work in Bolivia with Dr. Janeth and the latest need about which we had just heard. That night nearly €400 was raised specifically for this purpose and when I connected to the internet after the meeting, there was the amount needed: approx €350!! God is so good, and thank-you Dublin! Since then more has been raised by the Dublin folk, to go to similar needs there. **Please pray for Missionary Janeth, who is undergoing treatment for a thyroid problem. Her two daughters are carrying on the work whilst she is recuperating.**

We have had an up-date on the reformation of Compassion’s HQ in Belo Horizonte from Bebel...”**We have fixed the roof, putting new tiles in place of many broken ones, (God was good, and we finished**

before the rains); rewired the building, putting in connections for the internet as well.; we put in a whole new bathroom and made a T.V. room upstairs, which will double as a small guest room, should there be any missionaries passing through. Downstairs, we knocked out a wall, making a bigger main room and put up a small counter to make a reception area. Then the whole house was repainted. Our next stage, which we hope to start on in the new year, with God’s help, is to put in a new kitchen, build steps down to the back yard, (down nearly four floor levels, because of the mountain the shanty town is built on), and build a big room there for dance lessons, theatre, etc, with two or three smaller classrooms on top. The football club is now up and running and going well, with 35 children enrolled. We are looking to extend this to a 100, but for that we will need an extra coach. Next year, by the grace of God, we hope to start a Music School in the mornings as well and have been given some instruments to this end.”

Two phrases from the last letters of the places we have mentioned this time show the heart of the people we are supporting: “Son hermosos niños del Dios, los amamos mucho” (they are beautiful children of God, we love them so much) and, “eu amo meus pequenos” (I love my little ones). Paul says: I can do

all manner of things, but if I have not love, it counts for nothing. God’s love for the whole world caused Him to give Jesus in this very season we are celebrating. That same ‘spirit of love’ is being carried on through His people world wide. His Word talks of gifts of “helps.” Not every one has the same gift. It also says: “If your gift is serving others, serve them well; if it is giving, give generously; if your gift is showing kindness to others, do it gladly”. We want to thank each one of you for the gifts of **HELP** you have been to those in need once again this year through LAM and the wonderful people we support. God richly bless you all!

HAPPY CHRISTMAS! From Noel & Sandra, Mark & Vivian.

