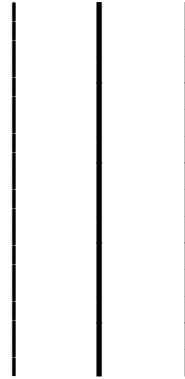


“Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me. . .”

- Matthew 25:40

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OUR VISION

The vision of IOU Bolivia is to establish family size orphanages affiliated with a neighborhood church for discipleship and spiritual support. We create homes for 10 orphans each and raise them in a Christian setting by Bolivian Christian house parents. Our goal is to provide the environment for these children to build a personal relationship with Christ as they grow.



OUR GOALS

- First and foremost, introduce children to God.
- Provide the loving, secure environment that demonstrates the love of Christ through basic human needs.
- It is also our desire to create an atmosphere as close to God's model as possible: a Christian couple raising a family of eight to twelve children.
- Whenever possible, accept children of both genders, young enough so they can be raised as brothers and sisters.
- Similar to our families; welcome each child in these homes until they attend university, get married or can provide for themselves
- God's tool on earth is His Church; so we will always partner with the local Church allowing for the greater development and support of the larger Christian family.
- Have children attend the neighborhood public school allowing them to maintain their cultural heritage.
- James 1:27 instructs us to "...look after the orphans and widows in their distress..." It is our deepest desire that a Christian family will be found for each orphan; however, we will care for the others until Christ returns.

WHAT CAN TEAMS DO?

First And Foremost – Serve The Children!

One of our favorite activities here in Bolivia is getting to know, serving, and playing with the children. There are many ministries that serve this purpose: baby washing at central plaza, visiting poor neighborhoods with food distribution, and supporting orphanages in and around the city. We'll also explore the other parts of Bolivia that we love.

Construction Projects

We will tailor orphanage construction projects to match the abilities (and desired adventure levels) of your team.

Leverage Your Unique Talents

We always look forward to using our visitors' unique talents: business development, musical talents, Spanish language skills, project management – you name it. Bring it to Bolivia, and we'll use it to serve the children.

TIPS FOR BOLIVIA

- The sun is intense here. We recommend long pants and long sleeves for the cool nights and strong sun. However, shorts and short sleeves are ok with sunscreen.
- The electrical system here is 220 but we have a converter for those items you might bring that require 110 volts.
- Our church service is very casual, half of the congregation wears blue jeans and the other half wears skirts/dresses or dress pants.
- We will provide you with bottled drinking water; however, if you have a favorite water bottle you can bring it down.
- If you're working on a construction project, we recommend bringing appropriate shoes, a hat, sunscreen and work gloves.
- We rely strongly on ministry prayers as you prepare to come down.
- For the ministry; please lift up the orphaned and abandoned babies of God that are often allowed to die here in Bolivia because there are not enough orphanages to house them.

HOW MUCH WILL IT COST?

As you might expect, transportation costs to South America can be slightly higher depending on where your team originates. Fortunately, higher initial transportation costs are often offset by much lower in-country costs.

Housing

Most of our teams stay at the International Teams Guest House (Hacienda) - the cost is \$7 per night.

Meals

Most meals will be arranged during your trip by your Mission Trip Host. You will have the opportunity to sample many of Bolivia's traditional dishes, and the cost is only \$10 per day!

Transportation In-Country

Your Mission Trip Host will take you everywhere you need to go – for larger teams, a bus will be arranged to make your trips around the area as smooth as possible. Transportation is covered 100% for \$5 per day.

Ministry Fee

The ministry fee of \$150 per person is used to support the activities your team will participate in while in Bolivia.

Visa/Airport Fees

First time visitors to Bolivia will need a tourist visa – the current fee is \$135 for a 5-year visa. Airport exit taxes of \$25 are assessed upon leaving to head home.

Vaccinations

Bolivia does require a yellow fever vaccine to obtain a tourist visa. If you have not received this immunization for other trips, it will be required to enter the country.

