

## Update: 6 months in Bolivia! by Sarah Jean Nash



Day by day, poco a poco (little by little), I am allowing God to transform me to who he wants me to be as an IM Global Servant in Bolivia. The first six months have brought me joy, challenges, tears, frustrations, laughter, and growth. I have been figuring out how to live here, build relationships, and see where God is at work. I am finally coming out of my "cocoon" and getting a better handle on the language and my whereabouts. I keep learning more vocabulary and new things about the Santa Cruz culture.



In August, I had the privilege to host my first visitors from the States! My boss, Adalia, and my colleague, Barb Bolick, were here for a week. It was so wonderful to have Adalia visit within my first six months of living here. Her main reason for coming was to check to see how I've been adjusting to the mission field. How thoughtful is that?

Sarah (me), Adalia, Carmen, and Rhonda in my neighborhood park.



Adalia and I had great conversations about my transition to life here. During her visit I got to show her and Barb some of my favorite places that I've found and also experience new places together. Adalia was invited to preach at my church which meant that I was asked to introduce her in front of the congregation and pray before she preached. It was my first time talking from the pulpit since my arrival so I was a bit nervous. Adalia preached about mission which was perfect timing because August was the month of mission for the Bolivian Baptist Union churches.

Carmen (House of Hope Director) came from Cochabamba to have meetings with Adalia, me, and J.D. and Rhonda Reed. We had breakfast at the #1 voted coffee shop in South America!

Barb Bolick was visiting at the same time to share with me and J.D. and Rhonda Reed about her girls club program. I'm excited to be working with Barb on this project and hope that this will be a way to extend the ministries of House of Hope (Fundación Proyectos de Esperanza) to Santa Cruz de la Sierra! Their visit brought me joy, encouragement, and the quality time that I needed to continue on in cross-cultural ministry.

***Please pray for my transition to ministry and life in Santa Cruz, Bolivia.***

### NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS



Glory Stewart	1	Jeremy Williams	21
Phoebe Nash	7	Stacy Chavez	22
Tony Burgess	11	Becky Burgess	23
Helen Pothier	21	Roy Schmidt	24
		Don Ice	28