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TRANSFORMING LIVES IN BOLIVIA

AVP Bolivia is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting non-violent forms of human interaction in vulnerable communities in Bolivia. With a presence in many regions, we work to transform lives through education and social reintegration programs.

>>> OUR PROGRAMS

AVP/PAV Bolivia supports a wide variety of projects:

- **Student Home in Sorata**
- **Domestic Violence Program in schools in La Paz and Santa Cruz**
- **AVP in prisons nationwide**
- **Solar Greenhouses in Potosi, Oruro, and La Paz**
- **AVP in the community**
- **Higher education scholarships for students dedicated to a life of service to others**

LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR PROGRAMS

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Transformation and Hope in Bolivia

THE IMPACT OF OUR PROJECTS INSPITE OF THE CHALLENGES

AVP Bolivia works passionately to transform lives through programs that seek to prevent all forms of violence. Our mission is to improve the living conditions of people and communities in Bolivia. In this newsletter, we share news about the impact of our work across the country.



A COUNTRY IN CRISIS BLOCKADES & FUEL SHORTAGES

Recently elected president Rodrigo Paz, has betrayed his promises and his responsibility to govern for the benefit of the people. He was officially confronted by the indigenous leaders, labor unions and agreed to change the policies. But nothing changed.

For more than 50 days, the country has gone through social conflicts with protests and road blockades. The indigenous population and other sectors demanded the president's resignation for failing to comply with previous agreements to govern by consensus, apply policies that do not affect the most vulnerable population, supply the fuel market, and respect the Constitution and Human Rights. On June 20, the government decreed a nationwide state of emergency for 90 days, which makes any protest illegal, and subject to imprisonment.

IN SORATA

HOME FOR STUDENTS SEEKING HIGHER EDUCATION

Our students come from remote villages, many hours walk from their home villages to the school.

They have adapted well to the current economic crisis with no fuel available for cooking or heating. They built a wood stove and gather firewood from the surrounding forests in order to cook their meals and keep the house warm. The students are very happy and proud to work together and prepare for university. They know that a university degree will enable them to lift their whole family out of poverty.



ADVANCES AND PARTNERSHIPS

Transforming lives through education and community

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VIOLENCE PREVENTION IN SCHOOLS AND AVP IN THE COMMUNITY

The program in Schools works directly with students, teachers, and parents to identify, prevent, and respond to violent situations in schools and homes. Students learn to recognize red flags in romantic relationships and how to use empathy to reduce bullying through the AVP method. In the community partnerships with local organizations such as the Association of the Blind of Bolivia and the Evangelical University, we strengthen support networks and promote a culture of peace across the entire country.



AVP IN PRISONS AND SOLAR GREENHOUSES

The work continues thanks to the commitment of internal facilitators and with deep gratitude to external volunteers who visited us during the first semester: Jackson Napier, Sue Wozniak from AVP USA and Cecilia Schneider from the University of Arkansas. In January, we inaugurated two Solar Greenhouses in the maximum-security prison of Chonchocoro in the state of La Paz, and in May, the Solar Greenhouses in Cantamarca, Potosí were visited by Martin and Marianne Kunz from Quaker Hilfe Germany, one of the organizations that funded these projects.



NEW - HIGHER EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIPS

The new AVP Bolivia Scholarship Program aims to break the cycle of poverty and violence, opening doors to a future of dignity and personal growth. It provides financial support to vulnerable students so they can continue their university and/or technical studies. Scholarships cover tuition, materials, and academic mentoring. Beneficiaries participate in training activities focused on values, leadership, and community service. Applications are accepted year-round.



SUPPORT AVP BOLIVIA – DONATE TODAY!

Your support will transform more lives in Bolivia. Your contribution may support scholarship recipients at all levels, families in crisis, people in prisons, and vulnerable communities. PAV Bolivia works with transparency and commitment to maximize the impact of each donation. Join our mission of peace, hope, and restoration. Donate securely online through our sister organization in USA: www.waljok.org.



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