



Centro de Vida Santa Cruz, Bolivia



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Santa Cruz, Bolivia

- Bolivia is one of the poorest and least developed Latin countries: 65% of Bolivians live on less than \$2 a day.
- In less than 200 years' independence, Bolivia has endured nearly 200 coups and countercoups.
- Bolivia is the 3rd largest exporter of coca (cocaine in the raw).
- Santa Cruz is the largest city in Bolivia.
- President Evo Morales has pledged to reform Bolivia, reject Western concepts, and recover Aymaran wisdom. "We fight to defend the Pachamama [Mother Earth]," he said.

Bolivia and Abortion

- Abortion is illegal except in cases of rape or incest or to save the mother's life.
- Bolivia has 30,000-80,000 illegal abortions a year.
- 47-50% of hospital beds on gynecology wards are occupied by patients admitted for abortion complications.

Celebrating Life

When we first met Esperanza, she was pregnant and abortion-minded. She changed her mind after seeing her child through an ultrasound, and that day she named her Rosa. Recently, we celebrated Rosa's first birthday with her at the center!

Please rejoice with us that Rosa lives. Pray for more Rosas to be born and for more Esperanzas to be convinced of God's work in their lives.

In 2009, Centro de Vida will celebrate a fifth anniversary. God has been very good to us. At the moment Centro de Vida is providing counseling services, abstinence presentations, post-abortion recovery groups, Learn to Earn, and ultrasound services. We feel it is the time to extend the cords of our tent and go farther. A whole nation is hungry to hear the good news of life and eternal life.

Thank you for standing next to us in the battle for life. Thank you because it is a single person like you who makes the difference and helps us go further. Thank you because we are all a team as we accomplish the work we have given: help rescue one life at a time.

—Patricia Banegas, director

Centro de Vida Client Statistics

	2005	2006	2007	2008
Client Visits	366	357	337	475
Abortion-Minded Clients	44	25	84	109
AMC Decisions to Carry	23	12	25	21
Gospel Presentations	177	129	124	708
Decisions for Christ	117	77	59	126
Abstinence Presentations	73	75	387	1,026

Centro de Vida 2008 Ministry Accomplishments

- We started providing ultrasound services.
- We opened Learn to Earn (clients buy material supplies with points they earned through learning experiences).
- We helped translate LIFE's counselor manual into Spanish.

Centro de Vida Goals for 2009

- Follow up on 100% of our clients.
- Develop strategic institutional alliances.
- Develop a project to raise funds locally.

Centro de Vida Prayer Requests for 2009

- For 80% of our clients to be abortion-minded women and for all of them to decide to continue with their pregnancy.
- For protection over the ministry.
- For opportunities to expand even though these are difficult times (socially, politically, financially).

How Can You Partner with LIFE International?

Individuals, churches, centers, and businesses can partner with LIFE through prayer and financial support. Every prayer offered and every gift sown into LIFE helps make possible life-giving ministries like Centro de Vida. Will you join with LIFE and help nationals establish life-giving ministries wherever abortion exists?

Questions? Want more information? Contact us at info@lifeinternational.com or (616) 248-3300.

