



Centro de Vida Santa Cruz, Bolivia



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Bolivia

- Bolivia is one of the poorest and least developed Latin American countries: 60% of Bolivians live under the poverty line (2006 est.)¹
- Bolivia is the 3rd largest exporter of coca (the raw material used to produce cocaine).²
- Santa Cruz is the largest city in Bolivia.³
- Abortion is illegal except in cases of rape or incest or to save the mother's life.⁴
- Bolivia has an estimated abortion rate of 30 illegal abortions per 1,000 women annually.⁵

Dear Friends

A young girl who felt confused with the possibility of pregnancy entered our counseling room. She mentioned that she had received long ago an information card for "Centro de Vida" but that she ripped the card up and threw it in the garbage, mocking girls who would mistakenly get pregnant.

The next time she saw an information card for the center was in an internet cafe, but this time she did not make fun of it because she was concerned about the possibility of being pregnant. That's when she came to Centro de Vida. Her test result was positive and she did not want a baby at that time. After a long explanation about her baby's development and the presentation of God's plan for her life, she decided to continue with the pregnancy.

We are thankful to those who are alongside us, who offer their financial and material support to be able to offer help to teenagers and young women that are going through a crisis pregnancy. We are thankful for the volunteers that help us with the publicity of Centro de Vida's services in the city and throughout the country.

What God Did Through Centro de Vida in 2010

- The Word of God was shared with clients and many made decisions for Christ.
- The team was strengthened with a new vision in the midst of a new administration.
- "Jardin de Vida" (Garden of Life) Day Care was implemented as an income-generating project.

Centro de Vida 2011 Goals

- To implement two training workshops: Abstinence and Crisis Pregnancy Counseling.
- To create a team of 10 new volunteers: five to work with the abstinence program in the schools and churches, and five to work with crisis pregnancy counseling.

Centro de Vida 2011 Prayer Requests

- That clients will accept Jesus as their Lord and Savior.
- For fundraising opportunities this year: "Dinner for Life," "Baby Bottle Campaign," and contacts with churches and friends.
- For the formation of a volunteer team with a calling to serve.

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 equip life-giving ministries like Centro de Vida. Will you join with LIFE and help multiply life-giving ministries wherever abortion exists?

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



—David Tintaya, director

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