



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 (cocaine in the raw).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

Celebrating Life

Since Centro de Vida first opened its doors, we've been passionate about serving clients. It's been almost five years already and God has multiplied the blessings year by year. Let me count some of the blessings:

- Hundreds of youth have been reached with the abstinence program.
- Our post abortion recovering program is helping women to be healed, from a Biblical perspective.
- We're offering ultrasound services.
- We've acquired Boutique or material resources for clients.
- We've gained strong church support in the community.
- Soon (2011) we're moving to a permanent location, from where we will be able to impact many more college students.

We believe today is the time to expand our vision. As far off as it seemed at the beginning, we are moving to self-dependency, and are moving to new dreams bigger than ours.

Centro de Vida 2009 Ministry Accomplishments

- Through a baby bottle fundraising campaign, Centro de Vida involved over 400 people and more than 20 churches. God's faithfulness was revealed, especially as a woman who got involved committed her life to Christ!
- A woman from Santiago, Chile spent 3 weeks at the center to learn how to run a pregnancy center. She will open the first known pregnancy center in Santiago in 2010!

Centro de Vida 2010 Goals

- To open a Christian day care center.
- To use technology to reach clients by developing a web page and other online resources.
- For staff and volunteers to develop mentoring relationships, in order to grow in Christ and be more effective in ministry.

Centro de Vida Prayer Requests for 2010

- For spiritual renovation and growth.
- That the center will become self-sustainable this year.
- For an even greater vision and for God's strategies to accomplish His plans.

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.



—David Tintaya, director

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