

Bentleys' Prayer Corner – April '24

Dear friends,

We trust you all are enjoying springtime. The end of rainy season in Cochabamba is in sight. The rains came late this year, starting in January, but rain has been abundant. The mountainsides north of town are a lush green, and every plant, shrub and tree in the city is flowering – painting a beautiful landscape each day.

Work of the Quechua radio station Mosoj Chaski is going forward well under the directorship of Zulma Copa. She assumed the role of Director just a couple of months before the turn of the year. Her energy and innovative ideas for the ministries of Mosoj Chaski are bearing fruit. Two Christian Quechua men from Sucre are coming to the station one week every month to lend a hand to program writing and production, filling what was a big gap. As well as broadcasting over the SW airwaves, they are streaming programs on the internet for those of the audience in urban locations and outside the country.

When we brought the new Studio/Transmitter Link equipment through customs, the agent opened it all up but then simply waved us through and wished us a good day. The initial test of the new link equipment will likely take place this week and we expect it to give a strong, clear and stable signal between the broadcast studio in town and the transmitter/SW antenna site 12 kilometers outside of town to the west. As we mentioned in last month's update, on the 14th of April Mosoj Chaski Quechua radio will celebrate 25 years of broadcasting the Good News in Quechua throughout the Bolivian Andes. Please do pray for the continuing work of program production, recording and broadcasting on short wave and over the internet. Mosoj Chaski is a huge tool in the teaching and discipleship of the Quechua people spread throughout the Andes of Bolivia.

The team that came from a church in MA to help in the children-at-risk ministry (Fundación Emanuel) had a fantastic time with us in Bolivia. They helped with Bible studies, skits, music and showing God's care to the children. And they brought enough baseball equipment to equip a couple of teams. The children learned more of God's love for them, and they are now developing their baseball talents. Watch out MLB, in a few years more Latino talent will be showing up. We were also able to spend most of a day with the team at Mosoj Chaski, getting a thorough introduction to the various ministries, recording some interviews (translated to Quechua), sharing a lunch of Chanka de Pollo (typical Bolivian chicken dish) and also travel to the transmitter site to see that aspect of the radio station - and get eaten by a few million mosquitos (it's in a low spot in the valley where two rivers come together).



Future MLB player

Please pray in these weeks for the impact of the programming and for the radio marathon to encourage a renewal of financial support from the listeners. Covid has put a significant dent in local income, as much of the giving was via Quechua people traveling into town in person to the radio station to donate produce from their agricultural and herdsman life. I just now returned from the radio station – two Quechua



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women who knew me were sitting in the entrance hall, so we spent some time catching up each other's news. They had a couple of big bags of garden produce as a gift to the radio station.

Pray also for Santiago Mica, the principal trainer of the mobile Quechua Bible training (also a ministry of Mosoj Chaski). I spent time with him this past week, debriefing the past months' work and the plans for this year in progress. It is a tiring ministry, but it is one of few present training ministries in the Quechua language for Quechua church leaders and young people. A second trainer is needed to complement the trainer team and to enable more modules to be taught in strategic locations around the country.

In Christ's love,

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Music class at F.E.



David & Goliath skit



Quechua hospitality: trip to a mountain village - boiled corn, potatoes & cheese



Fundacion kids at the new property