

Bentleys' Update – Oct '25

Dear Friends,

October is going by all too fast it seems. We started the month with some spring snow carpeting the higher elevations to the north side of the Cochabamba valley. The morning sun glistening off the snow covered peaks between 15,000 and 17,000 feet is a beautiful sight to welcome the day.

We are grateful to a team from Immanuel Church in Chelmsford, MA for the week they dedicated to help at the children's ministry of Fundación Emanuel and also with work on the Quechua radio station's SW antenna. RF feedback to the SW transmitter was causing the transmitter to shut down at medium wattage output, limiting the broadcasts. With the three men of the team, our local radio technician and a couple of other local men we lowered the two dipole antennas, cleaned the carbon accumulated on the antenna wire over the 7 years since we changed the antenna, and replaced a couple of insulators that showed wear. The work eliminated the feedback and the transmitter is back to high wattage output for the broadcasts.

In September's update we mentioned the projected need to move 2 of the 6 towers that hold the antenna, due to the government planning to expropriate property on the west side of the transmitter/antenna site for containing walls in the stream that runs along that side of the site. After spending time at the site with our local technician, talking with the site caretaker and communicating with the international engineers that help us, it seems that the local government is eyeing an expropriation for roads on up to three sides of the property. I met with the radio station board to counsel we employ legal services to clarify matters with the local government and defend the property from undue expropriations that would adversely impact the SW broadcasts. It would take too much space and ink to explain in detail the situation and the ramifications of expropriations if they were to be too extensive. We urgently need your prayer for God to preserve the property less it shrink to where it would not suffice for the antenna.

As well as their help with crafts, devotionals, sports and other activities of Fundación Emanuel, we traveled one day with the team from MA over a mountain pass on the north side of Cochabamba and 16 kilometers down the other side to the village of Piusilla – a 3 hour trip each way. The believers at the local church in the village prepared a lunch time meal for us of boiled



Team at Fundacion Emanuel

potatos, okra, fried trout

and more. And they shared with the team the impact of Radio Mosoj Chaski as their source of news, Bible teaching and more – all in their language, Quechua. They talked of the radio as their "constant companion". It's amazing, also, how much a visit to their village means to them. They reminded me of a visit I had made to them about 20 years ago – down to the details: "It was in the month of April. It was raining. I had mud up to my ankles. They dressed me in one of their typical ponchos". Etc. God was reminding us of the value of every seemingly "little thing" we do to make His Good News known.

Prayer Corner:

- For Lucinda – taking a twice weekly course on Member Care to better provide care for workers in God's harvest fields
- For Zulma Copa (director of Mosoj Chaski ministries) – on her return from teaching at a regional conference in the lowlands of Bolivia her purse with phone, ID card money, etc. she was pushed to the ground and all was violently stolen
- Quechua radio station's transmitter/antenna site property



Piusilla - cleaning trout for lunch

Thank you for your prayers. In His service with you,

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