

Bentleys' Update – March '26

Dear Friends,

Lucinda and I are in Cochabamba these weeks, enjoying helping out a bit at the children at risk outreach and some at Quechua radio. Rainy season has another month to go, and the mountains surrounding the city are a lush green after the good rains of the past months.

Many of you have been praying for the Quechua radio station's transmitter/antenna site in the area of the valley called Kotapachi. There were two pending expropriations of some of the property on two sides due to proposed government projects. They may have made it necessary to modify or move the antenna (or perhaps even might have made the site no longer viable for the antenna). I met with Irineo Lopez, the local engineer/technician who works with the Quechua radio station. The news from authorities he has contact with in the local government were an answer to prayer. With the elections of last October and the ensuing change of government, the threat of expropriations are postponed indefinitely. There's no money nor financing for the projects to expand the width of the river (retaining walls) and the urbanization of the zone – the projects that were projecting expropriation of land on two sides of the Quechua radio station's antenna/transmitter site. It will likely be a couple of years before anything happens.

Irineo was thrilled with the answer to prayer. It'll give us a "reprieve" of likely a couple of years – God willing, more perhaps. Irineo is the local technician/engineer who works to maintain the equipment of Mosoj Chaski. He worked alongside the two international engineers who designed, built and installed the transmitter, antenna, studio/transmitter link, towers, and much more. With that orientation Irineo has done the work on site for the past 27+ years – always on call, always ready to respond to any failure of the equipment, always doing maintenance. You name it, he's always been there. And he continues.



Irineo Lopez

When we started the project for the Quechua radio station, Irineo volunteered his time and services. In those years he had a full time engineering job for the local petroleum refinery. Any need we had, he'd head from work to the transmitter/antenna site or the recording studios to do testing and repair. Totally volunteer basis – for 27 years and counting. He's retired from the refinery now. His dedication, along with the help over the years of the two international radio engineers – Wayne Borthwick and Ray Rising, has kept Radio Mosoj Chaski up and running. From the beginning Irineo stated: "The Quechua people are my people (he's Quechua). This is my ministry to help reach my people with the Gospel". Amazing dedication. Keep him in your prayers. He's crucial to the ongoing operation of the radio station.

Fundación Emanuel – Both morning and afternoon sessions of the children at risk outreach are going well. The leaders of Emmanuel Foundation were invited to present the work of their agricultural project in the outlying neighborhood of "Potrero" where the project is based. They were able to present the developmental aspects of the project. The adults of the neighborhood shared their needs - teaching on parenting and health, school support for the neighborhood children, etc. That will be the platform for the work of Emmanuel Foundation to come alongside the parents with those developmental needs and to share the Gospel.

Prayer Corner:

- For Irineo and the Quechua radio station's transmitter, antenna, link and recording studio equipment
- For the ongoing construction of the new building of Emmanuel Foundation near the present location in the southern neighborhood of Cochabamba
- For the new children (about 15) in the programs of Emmanuel Foundation. For the Good News taught and lived out in the program to impact their lives, take root in their hearts and lead them to faith in Jesus and transformed lives

In His service with you,

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