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# A LETTER FROM THE INSIDE

#### Erika Roman, National Director for Bolivia

In these past 11 years of working with our program in Bolivia, I have grown both spiritually and professionally. When I first joined the program it was as an administrative assistant, but my curiosity took me to different areas of responsibility. I wanted to know how our program worked so well within the educational system.

As a result, my personal spiritual life changed. I grew to know the Word of God and His greatness in a deeper way, stretching and maturing my faith. Professionally, I began to develop processes to improve national operations, including training in the schools. I remember, like it was yesterday, the first time I gave a talk to students about the purpose of our program. I felt uncomfortable, exposed, frustrated, and challenged. I realized I could not teach something I was not completely living out.

From that day forward, I fully began to practice the principles that we teach, and our whole team moved toward spiritual and professional excellence. I can verify that the values we teach really work. They can change the lives of children and young people because they changed my life.



**ERIKA ROMAN** National Director for Bolivia

# WHAT 7<sup>™</sup> GRADERS ARE LEARNING

Textbooks provide the perfect tools for spiritual growth!



Our texts all point to Jesus. Week by week, year after year, we build a solid foundation of God's plan. Some lessons are about relationships, some about financial stewardship, and some about honoring parents -- but all come from the Word of God. As we gain favor in the school systems, we teach even more directly about God's plan for salvation. For instance, one of our 7th grade lessons is titled "There is a Solution." It starts out by teaching that God created man and woman to steward creation. God told Adam not to eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil or they would die. Satan seduced them, and Adam and Eve sinned. They died spiritually and were forced to leave the garden.

Later in the lesson, the Gospel is clearly communicated. Here's a little bit translated from the Spanish text:

"The relationship between God and man needed to be repaired...Man's disobedience had the consequence of death or separation from God. God is very righteous and someone had to be punished for man's disobedience... God loves man so much, He provided a solution: He came to earth Himself as a human being, Jesus Christ, and paid the punishment of separation for all men...God wants us all to choose Him and to respond to His love by believing in Jesus. By trusting in Jesus Christ, our spirit no longer stays dead, but comes to life!"

Can you imagine being taught the Gospel by your public school teacher as part of a required school class?

## **STATS FROM 2015**



**69,172** New texts delivered in 2015



**256,430** Estimated students actively using texts in 2015

# LETTER FROM THE FOUNDER

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Rocky Malloy

# CHAPLAIN PROGRAM

Early on, Mission Generation recognized that schools are in a strong position to support the well-being, values, and spirituality of young people in a community. Because of our educational curriculum program, students began to ask spiritual questions that teachers were not equipped to answer. Therefore, in 2013, at the request of Bolivian school principals, the School Chaplain Program was initiated to put spiritual counselors on school campuses to reinforce the biblical truths being taught in the classroom and, essentially, to pastor the schools. The chaplain program transforms a school into an "ecclesia" that can become a church planting opportunity. Chaplain candidates, who are volunteers from local church bodies, are trained, evaluated, and then matched with schools that have requested them. Chaplains hold school-wide assemblies, host discipleship groups, mentor student chaplains, and build one-on-one relationships with students while on campus. The demand for chaplains is much greater than we could have imagined and we are expanding the program into more Latin American countries.

One recent success helps illustrate the process. Sometimes administrators and parents are reluctant to allow chaplains in to the schools. To gain trust, the chaplains obtain permission to do a simple presentation and also conduct a 26 question survey with the students. These questions identify sin issues that students may be facing. One example would be, "Have you been offered drugs in the last six months?" The results are often eye opening for the parents and teachers. In one school, almost 50% of the students answered YES, that they had been offered drugs in the last six months. The survey creates an awareness of sin and the temptations students face every day.

Recently, in one of our schools, a chaplain identified a student leader who was doing drugs in a theater class during school hours. With regular visits, the chaplain developed a relationship with this troubled student and ended up leading him and his whole family to Jesus. The student is now in a rehab program and his family is full of hope for the future. This transformation led to the school requesting a full time chaplain, who will weekly disciple students and lead services... inside the school walls!

## **CURRENT EVENTS** Update: Annual Easter Match Campaign

## **EASTER MATCH**

### \$108,000 RAISED TO PUT JESUS IN CLASSROOMS

To say the Easter Match Campaign was a success is an understatement! Thanks to partners like you, we exceeded the fundraising goal of \$100,000—bringing in a total of \$108,000. These proceeds are helping to print textbooks and to support and train new chaplains and teachers. Thank you so much to all of our generous partners who helped us reach our goal.

## SAVE THE DATES

#### **CALIFORNIA AUCTION**

**JULY 23, 2016** Quail Haven Farm Vista, CA

Silent Auction, Live Auction, Free BBQ, & Kids Inflatables

#### **DINNER & BENEFIT AUCTION**

APRIL 23, 2016 The McKown Ranch Norman, OK

Live Music, Live Auction, Free BBQ, Kids Pony Rides & Kids Inflatables

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# **COUNTRY UPDATE**

#### PARAGUAY

During Paraguayan summer time, all things slow down tremendously. It's hot and the pace of life is more leisurely and focused on family. We began our new school year recently and have been getting back into the groove of life here. Right now, we need prayers more than ever! We have several proposals that are on their way for approval from the Government. Paraguay is also having a hard time with floods, Dengue fever, and the fear of the Zika virus. Pray for protection and favor for our team here!

The program in Bolivia has been preparing for the 2016 school year since June 2015. We have developed plans and strategies that allow us to achieve our goal of enrolling thousands of new students this year. The new Education Act recently passed in Bolivia has put an emphasis on teaching principles and values, our core subject matter. Consequently, we are moving with great favor into the schools we have visited since September and four new cities are implementing our program in 2016! This is allowing us to further realize our vision to reach a generation for Christ -- a generation that will put biblical principles and values into action.



## GUATEMALA

Guatemala is off and running in 2016, and God is really moving this year. We have doubled our program this year to 35,000 students, our trainings for teachers and parents are complete, and Jimmy Morales has been elected as the new President! This is a welcome change because the previous government was very corrupt. Guatemalans are seeking transparency and honesty, but more importantly, a revival in their land.

Our program proposal is working its way through Panama's Ministry of Education (MEDUCA). The approval progress has been slowed as the Education Ministry works to correct some internal irregularities. Our proposal was favorably received and we are hopeful that we will receive MEDUCA's curriculum order soon. We welcome the positive changes and are optimistic about our opportunity here in Panama.





## CHILE

This school year has begun with changes in Chile's educational system. The government has introduced its own values curriculum, offering free material to schools. Our program's great advantage over this is that it includes student diagnostic tests for teachers -- and it's based upon transforming biblical truths. We are delivering textbooks in Arica, La Serena, Coquimbo, and Iquique, and are engaging officials in Antofagasto and Calama. In Alamos, local pastors and school directors have expressed interest in our school chaplain program.

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