

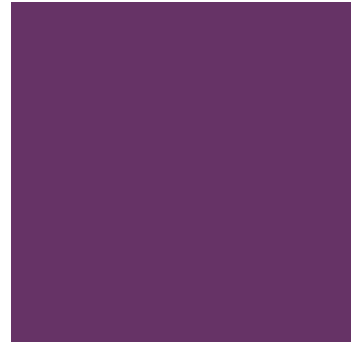
2009 Project



PennDel Ministry Network MAPS Project

Cochabamba Bolivia

January 24 to February 1, 2009



The Facts

Project: New church construction. Typical construction is brick/block, steel, concrete. There will be work for skilled tradesmen, laborers, single men, single women, and couples. The work day begins with breakfast at the hotel then a short bus ride to the work site. Lunch at the worksite and the return to the hotel at the end of the day for a shower and then a visit to a local restaurant for the evening meal.

Dress Code: Loose fitting shorts are fine or jeans when working with brick or any rebar. Jeans for the ladies are fine. For church: casual dress is fine, for ladies skirts are preferable.

Weather: Temperatures will range from 55 at night to 90+ in the afternoon. So it is best to dress in layers. You can take a layer off as it warms up and put back on as it cools down. There could be some rain as well.

Meals: Breakfast will be served as a buffet in the hotel and if it is similar previous years, there will be scrambled eggs and ham, pastries and beverage. Lunch will be catered at the work site. Dinner will be in local restaurants. Bottled drinking water will be provided.

Lodging: Hotel Regina - Phone: 011 591 4 42 54629

or 011 591 4 42 54630 (they will answer in Spanish) Another way to contact the team is to email Steve: SL4P2G@aol.com. There is free internet service in the hotel lobby and a phone call a short walk from the hotel so the team members will be able to keep in touch with family back home.

Finances: Bring dollars to purchase souvenirs - leave travelers checks at home. Team's goal is to supply \$10,000 in building supply funds. Sending churches are asked to assist in raising these funds. Pray for God's provision.

Travel: Team will use Aero Sur to fly from Miami to Cochabamba. Flight to Miami is being arranged.

This and That: Pack suntan lotion (the sun in the Andean mountains can burn you in 15 minutes of exposure!) Hat, sunglasses, gloves. **TOOLS:** for those who will paint: brushers and rollers (bring handle). Electric is 220: small hand tools. Masonry: trowels, levels, etc. Make a photo copy of your passport and carry it in your wallet. Passports will be kept in the hotel safe during our stay in Cochabamba. It is OK to bring gifts for children – anything associated with school: crayons, pencils etc. A piece of candy always wins their hearts! If you wish to take a gift for Steve and Lori I would suggest some chocolates.

“A Vacation With A Purpose”



Cochabamba: is a city in central Bolivia, located in a valley bearing the same name in the Andes mountain range. It is the capital of the Cochabamba Department and is the third largest city in Bolivia with a metropolitan population of more than 900,000 people. The name derives from a compound of the Quechua words qhocha, or lake, and pampa, or open plain. Residents of the city and surrounding areas are commonly referred to as Cochabambinos. Cochabamba is known as the "City of Eternal Spring" due to its spring-like temperatures year round. Elevation of the city is 7,500 feet.



Places of Interest: Cristo de la Concordia South America's biggest open-air market, called La Cancha, is open seven days a week in Cochabamba, with Wednesday and Saturday being the busiest days of operation. Here merchants sell everything imaginable from woolen blankets and leather goods to LCD TVs and iPods. The market is organized and divided in areas depending on the wares being sold. Perched atop the San Pedro hill, the 33 m (109 ft) tall statue of the Cristo de la Concordia (seen at right) is the tallest of its kind in the world (although it is commonly believed that the Christ the Redeemer in Rio de Janeiro is the tallest). Visitors can climb inside up to the arms for a panoramic view of the city.



People and Culture: Like other large cities in the Andes, Cochabamba is a city of contrasts. Its downtown core is generally quite modern. There are bright lights, bustling streets, and countless automobiles and internet cafes. As one moves further out from the city centre, however, the communities become less technologically advanced. Cochabamba's outlying neighborhoods often find themselves lacking electricity, indoor plumbing, and paved streets.



The most widely spoken language is Spanish (or Castellano, as usually referred to by locals). As with most cities around the globe, the English language is increasingly spoken and understood. The city's racial demographics consist groups of indigenous people mainly of Quechua ethnicity.

Closing thoughts: A mission to Cochabamba will be one of the highlights of your life. You will be touched by the beautiful children and wowed by the beautiful country. You will see horrible poverty, but you will discover a warm and joyful people. You will want to return!



Steve & Lori Potutschnig

Host Missionary

Steve and Lori are PennDel sponsored missionaries to Bolivia since 1996. They are tremendous hosts and you will enjoy working along side of them. Over the years they have been successful in ministry as they have seen great growth of the national church. A LACC school has been built that educates and feeds over 1,200 students daily. Many churches have been built to accommodate the church growth.

You are encouraged to come to Bolivia. Experience the Bolivian people and their kindness. You'll return home with a new love for missions and a greater appreciation for the church.



Application & Fees

Applications are available from the PennDel World Missions office. Projected cost of the mission is: \$1375 and includes airline tickets, hotel, meals, ground transportation, basic insurance. **NOT INCLUDED:** \$100 required visa that is valid for 5 years plus a required yellow fever shot (obtained from travel department at local health center). The yellow fever document must accompany passport to purchase visa. Dave will gather all passports in December to submit to Bolivian consulate to purchase visas. More information will be available as December approaches. Application deadline is October 1st and a \$200 refundable deposit is required to reserve a place on the team. Speak with Dave Crosby if you have any questions.

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