

MISSION OF HOPE, BOLIVIA NEWSLETTER

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HOSPITAL UPDATE

Mission of Hope, Bolivia has exciting news!! We have **just purchased the hospital that was for sale in Santa Cruz for \$600,000! Praise the Lord!!**

When the owner, Dr. Ortiz, contacted us in June saying he was willing to sell the hospital for \$600,000 without all the furnishings, we had \$600,100 in hand. We had just received a check for \$200 a few days before that put us over the \$600,000 mark, so **every dollar counted!** We want to thank all of you who have given gifts of money and time to the mission, as well as those who have supported us through prayer.

Mission of Hope, Bolivia will begin operating this hospital as a **free medical clinic**. Patients will be able to come for physical exams, lab work, x-rays, and treatment, including free medicines. As we broaden our base of financial support, we will expand to a full service hospital, including surgeries.

\$75,000 MATCHING GIFT CHALLENGE

Donations are now needed for the on-going support of this medical clinic. We have set a goal of \$150,000 to open and operate the clinic for the first six months. To help us reach this goal, one of our supporters has offered a **\$75,000 matching gift challenge**. Every dollar you give, up to \$75,000, will be matched, so that your \$25 donation becomes a \$50 donation, your \$50 becomes \$100, and so on. This matching gift challenge applies to donations from churches, foundations, and corporations, as well as from individuals. Please prayerfully consider what the Lord would have you do in response to this challenge.



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MISSION OF HOPE, BOLIVIA joins hands with SOUTH AMERICA MISSION (SAM)

Toni and Placido Mercado are **medical doctors** who are currently working in and around Santa Cruz with South America Mission. They spend a lot of time in the villages **providing medical care to the Ayore Indians**. Most of the Ayore Indians are living in extreme poverty. When Mission of Hope director, Cindy Thacker, met with Toni and Placido in July, 2001, they expressed a desire to work in a Christian medical clinic. Mission of Hope, Bolivia needed doctors who could volunteer their time, and Toni and Placido needed a facility. It was a good match! Toni and Placido will be **working in our medical clinic 2-3 days a week seeing patients at no charge**.



MEET BABY JORDAN!



Baby Jordan Morales Almanza was born with a **congenital defect**. Our medical director in Santa Cruz, Bolivia, Dr. Ruth Turner de Oropeza, contacted us to see if we could help this child, saying the family has no money for treatment. When we were unable to find a surgeon in Santa Cruz who knew how to perform the necessary surgery, we obtained a medical visa for Baby Jordan to come to the US. The **University of Virginia Medical Center** is providing complete medical care, including the corrective **surgery, at no cost** to the family. Also, **American Airlines** has provided **free transportation** for Baby Jordan and her mother. We **praise the Lord** for His provision!