



# FUNDACIÓN TOTAÍ UPDATE

**JULY – SEPTEMBER 2022**

From the 8<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> August, our health team travelled 387 km to the town of Rurrenabaque, to continue with our work of reaching out into the community to support those in need. We provided medical consultations in the areas of ENT and audiological examinations, with essential medication being distributed also. We had never been to that town before because it is so far away, and the local community there were especially grateful to the foundation for the care provided.



On 10<sup>th</sup> August we were invited to return to San Borja, 233 km away, to carry out hearing checks and audiological tests. We were able to help 30 people with hearing impairments, and this means that they can now register with the Ministry of Health and they can receive their disability support benefits. It's a real privilege to build relationships with local communities and to be invited to return to provide continued healthcare for the local people, and to provide essential support to allow people to access vital disability benefits.



# SPORTS



Andrés Torrico Franco is an 18-year-old young man, who trained at our

football school START Totafí from 5 years old. Thanks to hard work, sacrifice, perseverance and discipline, today he has triumphed and has made it into the Bolivian Professional Football League in the National Team of Potosí. As a child, Andreco (his nickname) lived three blocks from the Fundación Totafí, and he attended El Jireh Church. Over time, the path opened up for him to join larger local teams in our city and today at national level. We are delighted to have coached him at the beginning and to see him now in the Football League. We wish him every success. Congratulations!



The 21<sup>st</sup> September is a special day for us in Bolivia. This is when we celebrate the day of the student and the first day of spring. We spent a lovely afternoon with the community class children - with games, contests, prizes, and a delicious snack. We thank God for these moments to spend time together and to remind the children that they are valued and loved, and that God has a plan for their lives.

# COMMUNITY



The 13<sup>th</sup> August marked the 15th anniversary of the arts and crafts programme called "Creative Hands", aimed at mothers in our local community. The founding members were recognized and thanked. We were thrilled to have Claudia Holt with us for this celebration, on a visit from Scotland. Claudia was involved in running the class for many years when it started. We are grateful to God for the success of this initiative.



With great joy, we organized the 5-day holiday club called "The Gospel of Power" for the children

in the local neighbourhoods near Fundación Totafí. We had an average of 70 children participating and we spent 5 amazing days, playing games, doing crafts and having lots of fun, but the most important part was the time spent learning God's word. We want to thank all of the volunteers who helped us make this activity possible, especially Rachel Peebles and Niamh McIvor, who were visiting from Scotland and supported us to run the club.

Some of the local mums are being supported through the arts and crafts programme at Fundación Totafí. They recently received recognition from the Municipal Government of Trinidad as "women entrepreneurs" in the city, and they participated in a local fair, showcasing the products they make in the weekly classes. Some of the items included recycled glass bottles and other items.



## PRAYER POINTS

- Give thanks for Dr. Lorena Chávez Vaca, an ENT specialist from Argentina, who supported us at the health centre for 3 months, before returning home recently at the end of her time with us.
- Give thanks for the Optometry Campaign that was held at the end of September.
- Give thanks for the 5-day club, and all the children that attended daily to learn from God's word. Pray that God will continue to speak to them and work in their lives, as they attend community and sports activities at FT.
- Pray for the upcoming ear surgery campaign, that is being planned for the month of November.
- Pray for the health and wellbeing of our staff – that they may be kept well and be encouraged in their work for the Lord in this place.