



FT News

Apr - Sept 2019



Medical campaigns

In May, Dr Andrew Azurdey Wayer partnered with us to perform surgeries on patients suffering from neck tumours, and at the end of July, Spanish doctor Dr Luis Miguel Fiz visited and assisted us with the ENT campaign, which greatly benefitted the patients that arrived to receive medical attention. In May we visited the nursing students in San Ignacio, a small town in the Beni region, to train them in ear and hearing care. The health team also travelled to different remote locations in the Beni region to offer free health campaigns.



Teaching hard work, focus and discipline

The football ministry continues to run weekly training sessions on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at a local pitch. We have teams competing in the municipal championships, participating in the categories for 11-13 year olds and under 15s.

At the end of April, free medical attention at our health centre was offered to all the children and teenagers that participate in our football programme.

The football school is currently benefiting from the help of Simon Howling, who is volunteering with FT on a 2 year placement with LatinLink. Simon has been a huge support already to the football ministry and he is working alongside our football coach San.

Simon shares, "Through the football programme we interact with around 50 young people, age 8 -15 years, many of whom aren't from church backgrounds. We can talk to them, get to know them, and evangelise through friendships – all in the context of football. We're pushing them to be better footballers, but we're also pushing them to work harder, train harder and be more focused and disciplined in different areas of their life. As a result of the project, some of the young people have come to the church and heard the good news of the gospel for the first time. We have strong connections with the local church and the youth worker has been able to join us at training on a few occasions, and he has given a short devotional. Overall, the aim for these young people is 'to create a refuge that impacts and empowers through Christ's love, mercy and grace to bring about holistic restoration, so that they understand their purpose in Christ to impact and empower others'.



Community work

The women's arts and craft classes continue to run on Saturday afternoons, with different skills being learned by the women each term. From 8th – 10th August the women's group participated in the 'Women in Entrepreneurship Fair' with the women presenting their creations, showcasing the skills they have gained through the weekly classes.



'Day of the child' is celebrated in Bolivia each year on the 12th April. To mark this occasion we had a special event with the children who come to the community classes and we entertained them with games and celebrated with special treats. In September, the community team took the children on a special trip for a swim out near the lake where they enjoyed a mid-day snack and a break from school work and home responsibilities

New Volunteer: Simon Howling



My name is Simon Howling. I'm 23 years old and I come from West Sussex in England. In the summer of 2018 I graduated from Moorlands Bible College with a degree in Applied Theology, specialising in Cross Cultural Studies. My recent family history is rooted in Bolivia with my grandparents being missionaries here for 18 years around 40 years ago.

I first got the opportunity to come to Bolivia when I was 18 with the charity Tearfund. I spent 3 months working in the city of Santa Cruz and from that point on I fell in love with the country and knew I wanted to come back and work longer. On returning to England I started at Moorlands Bible college and during my final year I got the opportunity to once again return to Bolivia, this time to the city of Potosi for 5 weeks with Latin Link, and see if this was still where God wanted me. After those 5 weeks I knew more than ever that God was calling me to Bolivia longer term and through Latin Link the placement was set up for me to come to Trinidad to work with 'El Jireh' church and FT.

Simon writes a regular blog and this can be found at:
<https://simonhowlingbolivia18.wordpress.com>

PRAYER POINTS

- That God would continue to work in through the health, sports and community activities of FT to show His love in action, by supporting our neighbours in the local community.
- For the physical and spiritual health of our employees and their families
- For safety for our health team, as they travel and provide vital medical care in different remote areas within the Beni region.
- For financial stability and the economic situation of FT

