

# New Growth in TRINIDAD

UPDATES FROM OUR COMMUNITY



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# BUILDING RENOVATIONS Update

This year has been one of significant change. We realized that our building had been gradually deteriorating and was in dire need of a facelift.

Initially, we planned to start the renovations later in the year, but a surprise visit from the health department informed us that they would be conducting a thorough inspection in the coming months. This news prompted us to act immediately, and we got to work.

Over the past few months, we focused on getting the building up to par, with workers putting in extra hours and volunteers stepping in to help us get everything in order. We're pleased to share that we passed the inspection with flying colors! The inspectors were impressed with the improvements and our dedication to the task. Though there's still work to be done, the transformation is already quite remarkable.







# CHANGES IN Homework Help Program



At the beginning of the year, we transitioned our homework help program. Previously, students could come to receive help from Carla on their homework.

We understood that trying to provide homework help while teaching children to read and write required more focus. After much prayer and discussion, we shifted the program to focus on helping children with literacy so they could enroll in school. Though we're now serving fewer students, the impact is much more profound, and we are witnessing significant changes in the lives of these children.



# NEW Futsal Pitch

Last year, Simon Howling, our long term volunteer from West Sussex and Director of our futsal school, applied for a grant for our futsal program. With the funds received, we decided to build our own futsal pitch. Over the past few months, Simon has worked diligently to move the program to our own property. From fabricating goals, sourcing nets, and watering the pitch so the grass could grow, the project has been a success. We're excited to announce that we officially moved the futsal program to our new pitch in September.





# HEALTH EVALUATIONS For Participants

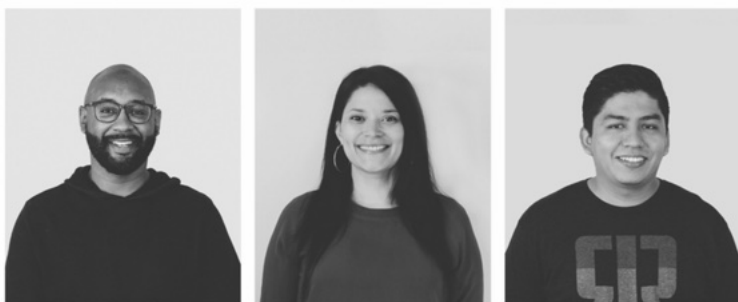
We recently set up free general and dental health evaluations for all participants in our community programs, including those in the football program, the school support program, and the women from our arts and crafts course.



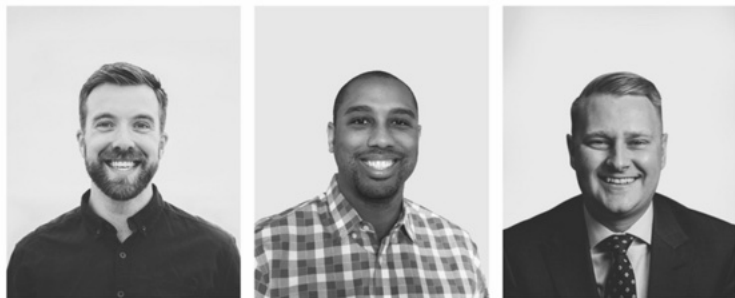


# PARTNERSHIP WITH Red Roots

Team Bolivia



Board of Directors



We've partnered with Red Roots, a US-based organization working in community development in our area for years. This partnership has allowed us to consolidate our programs and extend our reach. In addition to the school support program, football school, and arts and crafts class, we now offer a music course, a sign language course, and a community garden.



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# CHURCH UPDATE: El Jireh Church

While the church isn't directly under the Foundation, it is the mandatory heartbeat of our purpose in everything else we do. We look at it as a ministry ecosystem, so to speak. With different branches and ministries each reaching out in their own way, but ultimately with the same purpose, so that **God's will be done in Trinidad, Bolivia, as in heaven**. And we don't believe that we can accomplish that without the heart of our ministry being the church. Preaching the gospel and making disciples. Loving God and loving one another.

Ruddy took over as pastor almost three years ago, and despite challenges, God has been faithful. This past year, our church has grown with new believers joining, being baptized, and following Jesus. Our worship band is now entirely composed of students who learned to play instruments in our music program. It's wonderful to see all these projects working together for the glory of God.

**Please pray for El Jireh Church (our church), that we can develop and disciple more leaders to help disciple our people, current and future.**





# PRAYER Points

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## **1. Building Restoration:**

Pray for resources and strength to complete the renovations, so our space can better serve the community.

## **2. Education Support:**

Pray for perseverance for our students learning to read, and wisdom for the teachers guiding them.

## **3. Football Program:**

Give thanks for our new pitch, and pray for the youth to grow in character, teamwork, and community.

## **4. Health Evaluations:**

Pray for the health and healing of all who participated in our recent check-ups.

## **5. Church Growth:**

Pray for new believers at El Jireh Church and for the development of strong, loving leaders.

## **6. Ministry Unity:**

Pray for successful collaboration with Red Roots, that our programs may continue to flourish and glorify God.

**Thank you for your prayers and support!**



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