

International Teaching Ministry of Douglas Jacoby



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Report: La Paz, Bolivia



The landlocked Andean state of Bolivia is surrounded by Peru, Brazil, Paraguay, Argentina, and Chile. The capitals are Sucre (legal) and La Paz (administrative). The population of this predominantly Catholic nation is nearing 10 million, of whom Amerindians comprise 64% (Quechua and Aymara). Per capita income is 3% of the US level, or just over \$800 a year. This is the poorest nation in South America. According to Operation World, functional literacy is less than 50%. Prayer needs include continued political stability, resistance to the drug trade, and reaching the indigenous peoples of the highlands. Although poor in the world's eyes, Bolivia is rich in spirit, and exotic in cuisine. Among the more interesting foods are "Aji de lengua" (pig tongue, potato, and onion with yellow red pepper sauce, and "Anticuchos" (grilled cow heart on a stick, accompanied by potatoes and spicy peanut sauce). Besides seeing Lake Titicaca and the ancient ruins of Tiahuanaco (1500 BC), I spent two evenings with this small but faithful Bolivian congregation.

My visit took place in March 2008. Following is a report from the evangelist of the church.

Bolivia is located right in the heart of South America, and La Paz is our capital, the highest capital city in the world, at over 3600 meters [nearly 12,000 feet] above sea level. Many visitors say that they've never seen anything like La Paz, with its steep hills, Andean culture and cuisine, and warm hearts. You have to see it to understand it!

Douglas visited us from March 10th to 12th. It was great! At our request, he taught on the doctrines of Once Saved Always Saved and Calvinism. He also gave a class on Going Deeper into the Bible. Many of us in the church felt challenged, with a deep and true desire to get into the Bible like never before.

- Harry Lopez, a married brother in his 60s who has been in the church for about 10 years, put it this way: "This is what I needed. We were fed and our convictions got confirmed. I want to continue my walk with God and do things right!"
- Jackie Siles, a single sister, said "Dr. Jacoby's visit was very inspiring for me. His advice and Bible study techniques are already helping me get deeper into the word. I am learning a lot more myself, and know I am being prepared to help others in the future. I'm really enjoying the adventure of studying the word!"
- Omar Condori, a campus brother who has been a christian for nine months, said "The classes helped me see that I should not make any excuses. I could say 'I'm new in the church -- that's why I don't know much.' But I will not make this excuse. I am motivated to know more. I want to read my Bible!"

We all learned from Douglas, and hope to have him back here soon. And for you who are reading this report, please don't hesitate to come and visit us. We'll be glad to receive you here and show around La Paz, as we encourage each other's faith. --Edson Aquino.