

# WALKING TOGETHER, OUR EYES FIXED ON JESUS

## MERRY CHRISTMAS

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CHRISTMAS isn't Santa Claus, or the food, or presents, or Christmas bonus, or breaking the diet, or a holiday... Let's refresh our memory and remember that CHRISTMAS is BIRTH, it's remembering and giving thanks to JESUS the SON OF GOD who came to earth to live to teach us to do the will of the FATHER and to die for the forgiveness of our sins, RESTORING our relationship with our HEAVENLY FATHER...Remember this Christmas to pray recognizing who JESUS is in your life =)



## FIGHTING FOR A DREAM

Elimeas is 17 years old and arrived about a month ago in Santa Cruz, he was sleeping on the streets of Cochabamba and decided to leave his city, leaving behind his family completely, to come and change his life and fight for his dreams.

He speaks two languages, Quechua and Spanish, he has half his body semi-paralyzed and the first days he was with us in El Toborochi told us he had never been able to play football, that he couldn't run or do many things that normal people could. However, this is no longer an obstacle, he loves working in the garden and works very hard, plays football and his wish is to be able to give everything of himself, to demonstrate that he can do

things, being a good student, to later be a good professional, working honestly, to support Operation Restoration economically with what he earns in gratitude for having taught him and shown him the true love of God making him part of a new family, His family!

Elimeas is fighting for his dreams and I thank God because he understands and declares that he couldn't do it without God, and for that reason he has a great desire to learn more of God and continue growing in his faith.

### PRAYER REQUESTS

He asks that we pray for him, so that God will give him the strength to carry on and never abandon his dreams.

For his family that live in Cochabamba, that they come to know God and change their lives.

Give thanks for the Casa de Adoración en Cochabamba and for Frankling Buitrago, who taught him about God and led him to the feet of Christ with love. May God richly bless you.



Aunque el camino aun  
es largo

Aunque ya te sientas  
agotado

Aunque veas que mu-  
chos han caído y no lo  
han logrado

Confía en quien llego a  
la meta y te da la mano  
para seguir caminando.

JESUS

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**BRINGING DOWN GIANTS!!**



Not even 9 years of living on the streets, or beatings, abuse, neglect, or a sickness that was killing him could defeat him.

“Mum, I am not taking drugs anymore, I am not living on the streets, I was in hospital and now I am not infectious because I am taking tablets, now I want to study...Mum I am changing now I am fatter and I even pray, now I pray Mum!”

Daniel shares everything with people, especially with those whose need is greatest, he says “Because I know what it is to be hungry, cold and feel alone”. On leaving the hospital everyone came to say goodbye to him, his fellow patients, the nurses, doctors and cooks.

Daniel, 17 years old, who was in Comunidad Encuentro for 2 months receiving treatment for tuberculosis because of the high risk of infecting others, came out on 8th December and is now with us in El Camino.

Daniel was overjoyed to see his mother and brothers and showed he has a great heart because before going he got a food basket for his mum and Bs.10 for his brothers, it was given to him in the hospital but he didn't want to go to his house empty handed,

I give you thanks for supporting us in prayer during the time Daniel was in the hospital and I ask you to continue praying for him, because he is struggling and wants to continue bringing down giants, with God's help and our support he will make it.

Thanks to God we found his family, he visited his house, spent time with them and even though his parents don't believe that he is changing, they were surprised when he said



**NEW CHALLENGES**

This year, with God's blessing, 2 girls from El Alfarero and 2 boys from El Camino graduated from high school.

house for boys and the girls to Casa Girasoles.

moving to Casa Girasoles together with Angela and Darlin, she will study a technical career in Interior design and Decoration in a local institute, she will look after and be responsible for her son, Franco, 5 years old and will continue her high school studies to graduate at the end of 2012.

We thank God for Angela, Darlin, Luis Miguel and Ariel, whose through their efforts and satisfactorily completed their school year to now face new challenges, as this month they will take their university entrance exams and we pray that it will be possible for each one of them to give their all to prepare themselves and fulfill their objective.

This will be a change for them, but we pray that God guides them and helps them to confront each one of the challenges they will face now as young people reintegrated into society, that they will fight to fulfill their dreams and take the best decisions and in Darlin's case that God helps her with her studies and gives her wisdom to look after and bring up her son, Alex who is 7 years old.

Please be praying for each one of the boys and girls , that God continues doing His perfect will in each of their lives.

These will be their last months in the homes as the boys move to “Torre Fuerte” the reintegration

Also I ask you to pray for Ninoska, she failed her last semester, but because of her age she will also be



## CAMP FOR CHILD WORKERS I AM A MISSIONARY

From 25th to 27th November with God's blessing there was a camp called I AM A MISSIONARY for child workers from a feeding program called CORBAN, we had 45 children and with teenagers, Young people and teachers we were 55 people altogether.

This is the 5th camp. Last year we taught about evangelism, this year our objective was to sow in the children the desire to serve in missions, so that when they grow up the children are aware of the need that exists around the world and will want to be involved in the Great Commission that the Lord Jesus left us.

During the camp we saw a good response and a lot of acceptance by the children of the needs around the world to know Jesus and the message of salvation.

The children enjoyed good food, teaching about missions from a missionary, Dana Wilson and I, there were games, an outing to the river, international night where different groups did presentations about Israel, India, Japan and our country Bolivia, they wore the clothing of these coun-

tries, presented dramas, songs, we shared motivational videos to teach them to PRAY for the 10/40 window and for all the people who don't know God, to GIVE to missionaries thereby helping to reach the lost and to GO in obedience to the command of our Lord Jesus Christ. We did a simulation of a flight to the different countries mentioned before, the children were very happy to have this experience as we had the help of Gabriela Valero, who is flight crew for a local airline and a great friend of the church that joined in this event.

Dear brother and sister, thank you so much for helping to transmit missionary passion to the children, thanks for your prayers, your offerings and your availability for being part of this camp.

**The work is not ours, it is God's, to Him be the Glory and honor.**

**The desire of my heart is that He be exalted for ever!**



Team times



Arts and crafts



Worship times



Flight simulation



Games and more...

BUT THE LORD SAID TO ME,  
"DO NOT SAY, 'I AM ONLY A CHILD.' YOU MUST GO TO EVERYONE I SEND YOU TO AND SAY WHATEVER I COMMAND YOU.  
JEREMIAS 1:7

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Because God loves a cheerful giver  
... and is FAITHFUL to bless!!

**Missions is my life mission =)**

### PRAYER REQUESTS:

Give thanks to God for allowing us to be part of His work in evangelizing and discipling children, teenagers, Young people and teachers during this last year 2011.

Give thanks to God for my church ICM, churches and Christians who have trusted in God's calling on my life and supported me with love.

For wisdom, obedience and love for God's calling for my life.

For direction to fulfill God's purposes in the new year 2012.

For committed full-time workers for Operation Restoration

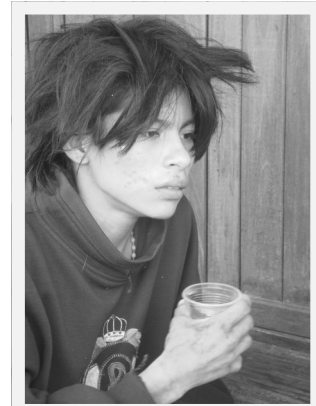
For strengthening of my prayer and economic support in 2012.

### I am not a street kid, I am not anyone's son!!

Gifts don't calm my hunger  
Food doesn't satisfy my lack of love  
If you remember me once a year doesn't make me believe I can change.  
If you do a campaign to get me to smile 1 day a year  
Won't make me smile the other 364 days  
If each day you close the windows of your car to me  
You look at me with indifference or disgust  
You escape and you push me away with your look  
You shout at me and say to me  
Lazy, filthy pig, thief, glue-sniffer, son of a b....  
Many say I am a street kid,  
They even write books, and novels and they call them  
Nobodies child....  
I don't remember that my mother's name is nobody,  
And even though I don't remember her name,  
I don't think her name is Nobody  
Nobody on earth is called "NOBODY"  
I am not a "street" kid  
Because the street does not own me  
I live in the street, for that reason I am a child  
"on the street"  
My actual situation is this  
But among tears and big dreams  
I want to change one day  
But coming to reality scares me!  
Because society that shouts at me to change, doesn't change

They tell me not to steal and many in jackets, ties and uniforms steal more than me  
They tell me not to take drugs, but I don't make the drugs  
I consume what others produce  
They say they don't want more street children  
But how will we be fewer, if they keep us here  
And push other children to come here  
People give us clothes, food, toys and even free medicines  
So that I go home or to a children's home?  
If living on the streets I have better things than at home  
And also they are free and I can continue living in "freedom"?  
I dream of changing, studying, having a profession, getting married and having a family  
I want to change but I know that it won't be easy  
And even though I shout that I don't want to change and that I am fine here  
See my tired and sad eyes from so much crying  
See my pale and dejected body when I am walking  
See inside me and you will understand  
That my shouts and desires are contrary to reality  
I want to change and I think you can help me  
Not only on the Day of the Child, Christmas, New Year or another special date  
I want to count on you,  
each day that God gives me life.

### CHILDREN AND TEENAGERS WHO LIVE ON THE STREETS NEED YOU!



Start the year lifting up a prayer for those who don't know God and ask for guidance, strength and wisdom to share with them the word of God.

Blessings!