

The completed water storage tank at Iglesia Evangélica Bautista Camino a la Vida.



# A Final Update on Your Gift for a Water and Sanitation Intervention in Bolivia

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The bathroom facility under construction at Las Asambleas de Dios de Bolivia Nuevo Amanecer.



# Improving Health and Preserving Dignity with Clean Water and a New Sanitation Building

## Purpose of Project

Three Avocados, thank you for your gift to provide Iglesia Evangélica Bautista Camino a la Vida and Las Asambleas de Dios de Bolivia Nuevo Amanecer with new water tanks, and a sanitation facility at Nuevo Amanecer Student Center. Additionally, because of your generosity, both churches were able to hold sanitation workshops for children and family members to promote healthy hygiene practices. The pastor at Las Asambleas de Dios de Bolivia Nuevo Amanecer says that before this intervention was implemented, “very few homes had drinking water. Even worse, many neighbors in the area did not have a bathroom or hygiene services.”

You made it possible for two communities to improve their health and wellbeing through clean, reliable water and hygiene education that will last a lifetime.

## Community Served

This intervention has served Bolivians at two different churches in the southwestern region of Bolivia. These children and families are among the staggering 75% of Bolivians that do not have access to a modern sanitation facility, they are also a part of the one in four Bolivians who do not have access to a reliable source of safe drinking water. (Source: World Factbook).

## Intervention Status

Launched in March 2019, this intervention was completed in February 2020.

## Key Intervention Accomplishments



Benefiting children and families from two communities in southwestern Bolivia



Sanitation training provided for 964 children



Two 2,300 liter water tanks installed, providing clean water to 1,029 children on program days

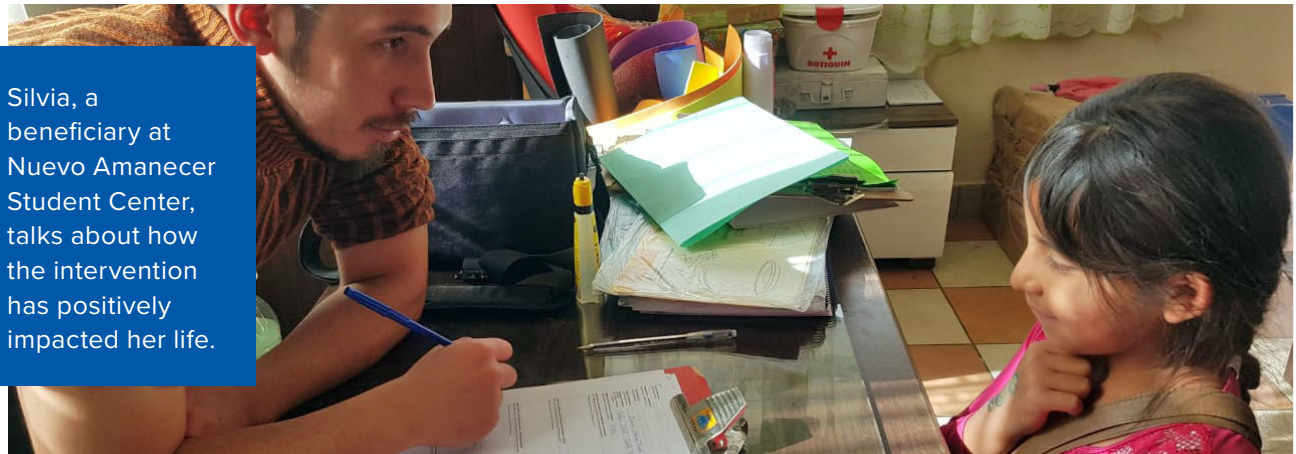


Reduced cases of waterborne illnesses at both churches



The pastor of Las Asambleas de Dios de Bolivia Nuevo Amanecer, Victor Quispe, standing proudly next to the new sanitation facilities.





Silvia, a beneficiary at Nuevo Amanecer Student Center, talks about how the intervention has positively impacted her life.

# Your Impact in Bolivia

## Results

“The first thing that changed in my life is hygiene and health, and now I will be protected from certain diseases. My tutors and teachers have taught me that hygiene is important for all people. Now that we have a bathroom at the center, I can practice the good habits I have learned” says Silvia, a beneficiary at Nuevo Amanecer Student Center. Silvia’s sentiments echo each child’s gratitude for your generosity. She continues, “I have learned to take care of myself and take care of my body. I have also learned to wash my hands after entering the bathroom and before meals, and to throw away garbage in the trash.”

This intervention originally planned to benefit Asambleas de Dios de Bolivia Fuente; however, due to structural complications, Compassion Bolivia determined it was best to shift the water tank installation to another church partner with better infrastructure. Iglesia Evangélica Bautista Camino a la Vida has partnered with Compassion since 2009, and desperately needed more capacity to store water for children. The center director, Soledad Maita, says, “The church’s tank capacity was not enough because the center has grown to 566 beneficiaries who need drinking water. Now, with this new tank, we have enough water to operate normally.”

Center directors report that 100% of children at each child development center participated in the hygiene training, and they expect to see a dramatic reduction in waterborne disease in the coming months. Additionally, the new sanitation building at Nuevo Amanecer Student Center is promoting healthier hygiene practices for over 400 children and their families.

## Vital Intervention Outcomes



1,284 children and their families have access to clean water and sanitation facilities



963 children regularly practicing newly learned sanitation skills



Increased attendance and program participation at both child development centers



Churches better able to serve their communities with clean water and safe sanitation buildings



# Your Partnership Makes a Difference in the Lives of Children in Bolivia



Before this intervention, children at Camino a la Vida Student Center had to wash their dishes after meal time with recycled water in bins on the ground. Now, because of the newly installed water tank, the church has plenty of water to properly clean dishes.

Children at Camino a la Vida Student Center wash their hands with clean water from the water tank. 580 children and 200 adults from Iglesia Evangélica Bautista Camino a la Vida participated in the health and hygiene training made possible through this intervention.





A workman puts the finishing touches on bathroom stalls at Las Asambleas de Dios de Bolivia Nuevo Amanecer.



## Thank You for Your Support

Three Avocados, thank you for your heart for children and families in Bolivia. Because of your generosity, over 1,200 children, family members and church staff in two communities have access to clean water and a safe sanitation building which will improve their health and wellbeing. Most importantly, the new water tanks and sanitation building display the tangible love and care that Jesus has for his children. May the Lord bless you!

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