

## Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will reward them for what they have done. (Proverbs 19:17)





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Dear Jim, Helen, John, Beda, and our Northview family and friends,

We are sorry to be a bit delayed in sending this letter. Our hearts are filled with love and deep gratitude for everything that you all do to love and support the La Paz Church, HOPE worldwide Bolivia, and the impoverished children and families in Bolivia! We will send more general updates soon, but within this letter we wanted to share some specific updates about the "B-Olivia Library"!

We are deeply honored to be able to have the "B-Olivia Library" here with us in La Paz! As you may know, there are currently NO public libraries for poor children here. Your loving and generous donations will enable us to greatly increase the quantity and variety of books within the library, as well as expand its outreach to so many more impoverished populations within La Paz. These children and families not only lack access to books, but also lack basic educational resources like school supplies and supplemental learning materials. There are very few safe, positive learning environments within schools, and even fewer opportunities for children and parents to connect with any type of encouraging, supportive relationships that can help improve reading and learning skills.

The B-Olivia Library (and Resource Center) will help provide some of these learning opportunities to a variety of impoverished populations via the provision of books, scheduled learning opportunities, and the regular support of trained, positive volunteers. The ultimate goal is to empower the teachers and students with essential skills to best overcome some of the most crippling challenges of poverty...which are poor education and job opportunities and very low self esteem.

We are working hard to build a solid foundation for the **B-Olivia Library**, one that can eventually serve as a model for other library initiatives within impoverished areas. We are communicating and collaborating with reading specialists, librarians, and educators (local and American), and local program leaders who are devoted to improving the quality of life for marginalized youth. We are in the process of selecting and purchasing good quality books from a Wish List that was created by children and teachers. We have also recently developed a library program framework with goals, actions, and evaluation measures to ensure the best opportunities for continued support, growth, and success in improving reading opportunities and skills.

We love you all very much!!! We just wanted to share about some of the many ways that you all are changing the lives of so many children and families, helping them to feel and know God's love! If possible, please share this letter with everyone within the Northview family. We can't wait to have many of you here with us within the upcoming months. We will all strive to "B-Olivia" while loving others together in Bolivia! ©

Love,

Kevin and Noelle Broyles (on behalf of many others within the church and the HOPE team!)







