

MATOS



Sarah
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BOLIVIA

LANGUAGE

Spanish

**MINISTRY
PRIORITIES**

Education,
Health and Wellness

BIRTHDAY

5/2



LOCATION

Bolivia



ABOUT

SARAH serves through the new extension of Fundación Proyecto de Esperanza (FPE, formerly known as House of Hope) in Santa Cruz, Bolivia. Her primary ministry is building relationships and empowering local leaders to do ministry within their context. One example of that is partnering with local churches and training Bolivian

women to be mentors for girls in the Talita Cumi Girls Club Program (TCGC). This program offers discipleship, character building, and empowerment for underserved girls ages eight to twelve years old. She contributed extensively to the activities and crafts for the TCGC curriculum that founder and colleague Global Servant Barbara Bolick is piloting throughout Latin America. Sarah is currently pursuing an MDiv through Palmer Theological Seminary online.



Sarah presents the TCGC program to Santa Cruz pastors.

“ MINISTRY STORY

IM colleague Barbara Bolick invited me in 2019 to be one of the creative advisors for the Talita Cumi Girls Club Program (TCGC) curriculum. This really interested me since I have personal experience in using the arts as a tool for healing, theology, and spiritual growth. The invitation came as

I began my first term of service in Bolivia. I have built relationships with pastors and church leaders in Santa Cruz to begin extending the ministries of the Fundación Proyecto de Esperanza (House of Hope) in Cochabamba to Santa Cruz de la Sierra. I kept seeing and hearing the need for a program for underserved girls in the city, so when I was introduced to the TCGC program, I knew it was an answer to prayer.

What excited me most about the program was that it was community based, led by women within the community in which the girls lived. I presented the program to the executive board of pastors in Santa

Cruz, and they are excited to have their churches gain this tool for ministry and outreach. There are five Baptist churches who wanted to participate in this pilot program by offering a safe gathering space and mentors to lead the clubs. This program has potential to be shared within every Baptist church within the region of Santa Cruz and beyond. Now that I've trained in the program, I can offer support and encouragement to the TCGC program directors as they train the mentors and give guidance to the success of these clubs within the region.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray for the girls who attend the clubs not only to learn about Jesus but to want a relationship with him and to serve him.

Pray for me as I continue my Master of Divinity program.

Pray for deepening relationships between me and my national ministry partners.

Pray for God to strengthen, empower, and equip the House of Hope leaders.

SCRIPTURE

“Love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength’... [and] ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no greater commandment than these.”

Mark 12:30-31 (NIV)