

BOLIVIA

Deadline: Friday, May 6

Short-Term Mission Trip

August 19-27, 2022

Project: Light construction and community development

Location: Quesimpuco, Bolivia; in the “Altiplano” highlands. This remote village has been served by SIFAT short-term mission teams for over 20 years, where a school, a church, and a medical clinic were built. Mt Bethel helped build a 400’ long footbridge here in 2008. These new Christians need love, knowledge, and support.



Travel: By plane from Atlanta to LaPaz, Bolivia, followed by a scenic drive to Quesimpuco.



Men of all ages and abilities are invited! The trip includes visits to La Paz and historical sites with logistics support from SIFAT.org.

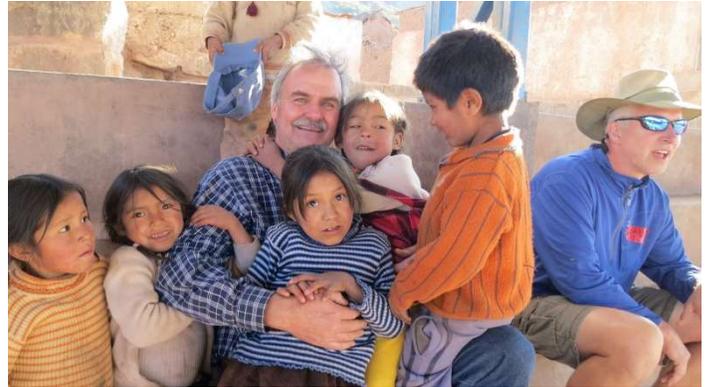


Why is Mt. Bethel going?

In 2008, SIFAT asked Mt. Bethel to send a team to support a large project to build a footbridge over a dangerous river. This was unlike any mission trip we had supported previously. Over the years, it is very encouraging to see how God uses our small amount of time and money to have a large impact on the quality of life of the local villagers. Our compassion for these hard-working Christians has allowed us to return each year to support other needs and strengthen our relationships.

Where are we going?

Quesimpuco, a remote village of approximately 100 families high in the Andes mountains of Bolivia, located about halfway between Sucre and Cochabamba.



Why Quesimpuco?

When a village leader, Benjo Paredes, who was saved by missionaries in the Bolivian jungle, returned to his home village in the mountains, he found great suffering due to famine, lack of health care, and no knowledge of Christ. He asked his missionary friends (the Corson family who founded SIFAT) to help his people. This mountain-side outpost is now a beacon for Christianity in an otherwise unchurched valley of over 10,000 Quechua natives, descendants of the Incas. The average income is \$97 per year. Before the Gospel was shared, this valley still worshiped the ancient Incan gods.

Why should you go?

We need men who love to serve others. This unique trip frees you to “unplug” from the busy American life and see the majesty of God in tall mountains, clear starry skies, and the smiles of people who once were lost. First time missionaries are especially encouraged. The small group working together creates a special bond where fellowship and genuine openness is fostered. We need a team of varied skills and ages; everyone has something to contribute! So far, over 45 men from Mt. Bethel have been transformed by this trip.

What is required?

- Time spent preparing in meetings every 3-4 weeks leading up to the trip.
- Funds, approximately \$2700.
- Medical clearance from your doctor to participate in the high-altitude mountain conditions. Some shots are recommended; check with the Cobb county international travel clinic for updates.
- A current passport with expiration date of February 27, 2023, or later.
- A desire to serve and love others.

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