



## Partners of the America Trip Report

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Leave Home: Nov. 3, 2001	Return Home: Nov. 18, 2001	
<b>Itinerary</b> <small>(city to city)</small> 11/3/01 Personal vehicle from Logan to Salt Lake City (SLC) then American Airlines (AA) to La Paz, Bolivia, arriving 11/4/01. Traveled by bus to Oruro and returned the same day, 11/8/01. Departed La Paz on AA 11/13 arriving same day in Orlando. Departed Orlando on AA 11/18 arriving SLC returning to Logan the same day.		
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**1. Purpose and Activities:** Describe the main purpose and activities of your trip (meetings held, services performed, workshops conducted, lectures or clinics given, any other). Did all activities take place as planned?

As a newly elected Committee President of the Utah-Bolivia Partners, the main purpose and activities of my trip to La Paz Bolivia was to familiarize myself with the members of the Alianza Bolivia Utah (ABU), our counterpart organization. At the same time that I visited with the members of each of the organization's subcommittees, I reviewed the ways in which our members in Utah might be of assistance.

Following is a list of the meetings attended during my visit and the contents of each meeting:

11/5/01 Jorge Calvo-- USAID: What can we do to strengthen Farmer to Farmer (F2F)?

1. F2F Does not need to coordinate visitors with USAID,
  - However this will strengthen collaboration
  - Yet North Carolina F2F does inform USAID

#### SUGGESTIONS FOR HIGH-ALTITUDE AGRICULTURE

##### 2. Llama

- Wool -when processed and long guard hairs removed has excellent quality
- Meat - have to investigate cuts. (Austen Haws says previous study showed meat was infested with parasites)

##### 3. Crops

- Onions Sweet, campesinos as #1 interest could be dried and exported U.S.
- Tarwi -Medicinal uses relief of gout (Lupinos) Similar to lupine.
- Fava Beans - Aymara know & there's market in Japan roasted/raw
- Quinoa: Holds potential for feeding campesino and export, resistant to salinity, and does not need to be irrigated
- Alfalfa with irrigation, needs to be milled and sold in powdered form.

11/5/01 Francesco Zaratti S. , Director Laboratorio de Fisica de la Atmosfera  
Laser Plus Radar Lidar – University San Andreas will have in Jan. 2002

- Laser beam into atmosphere to do analysis of characteristics
- At USU have been using 10 years
- Would like TA to help set up and use. **Could be grad student**

11/5/01 ABU Sub-Committee Reports

##### 1. Youth Program

- Leadership, citizen security, counter drug use
- Discrimination and prejudice, moral values
- Nutrition
- Mock Trial Competition--Annabella Bruch requests a 2-page concept paper.

##### 2. Cultural Event – THE #1 PRIORITY FOR THE NEXT 2 MONTHS:

- Need Contact person in Utah (a Bolivian could do this well)
- ABU is having an exhibit for Olympics at Our Lady of Lourdes School in SLC
- Cathy Moore is principal at OLLS 801-364-5624

### 3. Education– Computers: Need boards, cards and monitors

#### 11/6/01 Eloisa Vargas Sanchez, Museo Nacional de Ethnografia y Folklorico

1. Librarian at BYU, John Wright, is already assisting. Writing biography about Bolivian folklorist, he speaks Aymara, and a personal acquaintance. I will call John Wright and see that he is invited to join UB Partners.
2. Proposed project strengthening libraries collection of Bolivia Materials in Utah - in exchange for info from Utah
3. Library of Museo Nacional de Ethnografia
  - Needs electric/ computerized catalog
  - Now using Microsisis from unesco
  - Needs : 486+MHZ, 120 Ram, 1 Gig Memory

#### 11/6/01 Jaime Mendez Zambrana, Director Institute of Ballet Official de Bolivia

1. Jose Caba visited SLC two years ago. What were the benefits of this visit?
  - Opportunity to professionalize. Which means he became better and is better.
2. Jaime requests that dancers have the opportunity to stay 3 months to 1 year, at the University of Utah to study methods -1 student / year
3. Also, Jaime requests that we again bring a ballet professor to Bolivia using the model of Bruce Caldwell's visit . Having Bruce Caldwell come was excellent
5. Building improvement : How? Answer what private foundation could help?
  - Set up visit by building engineer for June-July 2002 to see U/U ballet building

#### 11/6/01 Galeria Alternativa de Arte

1. Art exhibit with Our Lady of Lourdes School during Olympics
  - Project could include videos bought from Museo Etnographico
  - Gallery needs to know that space is avail and how many artist
2. After Lady of Lourdes exhibit could go to Logan or/ and to Weber State
3. I am responsible to set-up a meeting with Catherine Moore at Our Lady of Lourdes

#### 11/6/01 Luis Morales, Chair Agriculture Committee Three projects are being completed with assistance from Annabela Bruch:

1. Square meter gardening with youth group in Jesus Machaca
  - Need to teach better diet - eating vegetables
    - Want someone from extension
    - “Lucho” is the coordinator in Jesus Machaca
    - Make it attractive to young women, but don't leave men behind
    - Make it a job-prep for women to work as “domestics” in homes
2. Earth Worms (Lombrices): Seeking to create a microenterprise
  - Making and selling compost and worms
  - In Jesus de Machaca would like to do worms and compost (humus)
3. Need entomologist to test plant extractions to prevent destruct of Quinoa

#### 11/7/01 Dr. Alvaro Munoz-Reyes N., Director Hospital Del Nino, La Paz

1. Orthopedic care for children

- '97 Ellen Santos
- 2001 Stevens and Stotts: Brought a machine and program for planning surgery. Did surgeries together and taught

2. Renovation of childrens' hospital is underway

- Improved emergency and kitchen for milk
- However, the main kitchen has not been improved for 30 years
- Need all new laundry facility - ironing

3. Shriners is looking to establish a childrens' hospital in Latin America– possibly

here

11/7/01 Mtro. Javier Tito Espinoza Rector Universidad El Alto

1. The general form of this university is public and liberal arts,

- This university came from the people of El Alto
  - > The plan is to have undergrad, masters, and Ph.D
- Dedicated to a unique development on the Altiplano
- Resources: native food and lake products
- Economics: within the tradition of Aymara
- Development: the potential of the Altiplano has not been recognized by previous development efforts
- The organization includes the community of El Alto in administration
- Academics are inter-disciplinary organized
- By areas 1) Economics and Production: 2) Public Health and Environment 3) Human Resource Dev-Sustainable (Includes public and business administration. 4) Social Interaction (pending) Tech, Transfer from all over the world to meet the needs of the world- Market Development at Global level
- This univ. is thinking to use a community college model

2. Public health department has three areas of emphasis 1) Mothers and children, 2) Family medicine, and 3) Epidemiology

- Need practitioners in Para-medics. Currently there is no system for emergencies and disasters

3. Network with all high schools in El Alto in altiplano

4. Andean Culture - all students study 2 semesters

5. Need assistance to create linkages to Institutions of Higher Ed. In North America

6. Exchange with Univ. to teach English: read, write and speak

7. Four action points

- Pilot course teaching English to Aymara by internet.
- Mock Trails in university thru pilot course in mock trails
- Contact with ARHP - inform public health
- Represent Univ. El Alto in contacts with other universities N. A.

11/7/01 APRECIA

- I will send ASQ in Spanish and
- I will talk to SKI HI about working with

– Can there be an exchange of personnel working with blind

11/7/01 Society for Public Health in Bolivia

ARHP and U. El Alto involve Sharon Clark

– Natan Robinson (W) 2412495 (H) 2411138

11/7/01 Health Committee Meeting

1. Activity : visiting pueblos with volunteer doctors
  - for diabetes literature, insulin and glucometers, and material about exercises
2. I will ask the hawes for some money to support the diabetes program for JUSTO CAMAO
3. Youth Committee involvement: Youth Promoters of Salud in rural with focus on Jesus De Machaca -10 communities

11/8/01 Carmen Murillo, Researcher for the Benson Institute (ABU Health Committee)

1. Studied health, nutrition and services among: Aymara families in 16 communities - Viacha.
2. NGO Yunta study of correlation between nutrition and elementary scholastic achiev Prov. Villa Reul - Altiplano past Patacamaya. Children were malnourished. Recommended school breakfast and lunch. Parents training on food, and teachers training in recognizing malnutrition also larger study. Continuing with Aroma an intervention in 58 communities with better use of native foods.
3. Study of wild foods collected by Aymara (not K'oa) found that the foods did not harm. Pasa=rock in fact some were curative.
4. Ventillas Model Farm: Benson Institute is involved. Plans to replicate elsewhere on Altiplano.

11/8/01 Emma Dupleich, Directora and sub-committee president Oruro

1. We would like to work with sisters cities making a sub-committee that works under the ed-cultural committee.
2. Work with sister cities to erect a monument in both cities announcing the relationship. I will talk to Landscape Architect to design a monument to Sister Cities and POA serbet@nogal.oru.entelnet.bo
3. Next project in Oruro: Library for the Alto Oruro Zona
- 4 . F2F Machacamarca - group of women 3 years working. Silvano Martines Miranda 00591-2-5254182 [AFXB@nogal.org.entelnet.bo](mailto:AFXB@nogal.org.entelnet.bo)
5. Oruro prison: Left money to purchase law books including new civil code and penal code
6. Maria Antoneita Suars Home for the blind. Need more clothes. I will contact DI about a shipment to Oruro
7. I will deliver papers to Rock Anderson and Dick Bohman

11/9/01 Dr. Roberto Velasco, Director/Pediatrician, Insittuto Dept. de Adaptacion Infantil

1. Using students from psychology, Physical Therapy, and Special Ed from UMSA, U. Catolica and Instuto Balaguer

2. The Institute has 40 kids between 20-35. There should be only up to age 18 but no other place
3. Washing Machines are needed here and in the Hospital de Ninos

11/9/01 Dr. Sergio Idiarte Vincenti, Director Instituto de Rehabilitacion Infantil

NEEDS

1. Anesthetic table: Have one but is old and lack respiration
2. Ultra Sound Diathermy
3. Are there exercise machines that work for kids, could be donated and sent to Bolivia? I will ask ICON in Logan.
4. Also are there rehab equipments for use in the pool?
5. Futbol games - need new ones. Also, playground equipment for physically disabled.

11/9/01 Ballet Official Fund Raising For New Building In Same Location. Estimated Cost

1. Jaime Rios Veneros, Presidente Padres de Familia, La Paz - Bolivia, tel: 2487262
2. Engineer: Rudolfo Rodriguez Nacon, tel. 2798533, [nacon@molla.nat](mailto:nacon@molla.nat)
  - We talked about the engineer coming up to U of U to study that building, meet with architects, teachers and administrators. Goal : in July 2002

11/9/01 Diego Ignacio Ballivian, Bolivia's Fullbright Program

1. Mock trials in El Alto: Already doing mock trails at the Univ. del Valle in La Paz. Meeting with colegios will be an opportunity to promote.
2. English study for Aymara-only speakers: Fullbright english studying not being used in Bolivia
3. Contacts Fullbright Scholarships: <http://exchanges.state.gov>  
[dballivian@pd.state.gov](mailto:dballivian@pd.state.gov)

11/9/01 Economic Development Sub-committee

1. Ayamaya- \$ From Partners that have not been accounted
  - > Approximately \$10k does not equal F2F
  - > This has been going on for 2 years.
  - Would like a report on the status of the account
  - Summary of a history of this project
    - > To organize
    - > To pass the supervision authority to Paulino
2. Relationship with ABU
  - \$2k came and was to Cecilia She sent it back
  - Can we develop a memorandum of understanding. Agreed upon by both sides so it can be put to a person or organization wanting information or a signature.
  - Coordination: The difficulty is that ABU is left out of the communication
  - Basic Ques: How do we manage private donatrions?

11/10/01 Youth Committee - Leaders

1. Leadership training with 36 youths.
  - I presented the concept of a mock trail competition
2. Possible subject: How to change the Political system    How to eliminate nepotism  
How do politicians maintain nepotism?
3. What should the program look like?
  - Groups/ Teams should be 10-12 youth
  - Roles within group would be Lider (1), Spies (2), Investigators (5)
  - How many groups could there be in a school? How recruit?
  - Should it be part of a class or club?
  - Will it work to have court within a school or should it be competition between schools?
  - What part attorneys? What part universities?

11/12/01 Renan Merlo - Instructor of Hardware and Software, Colegio Hernando Siles

1. 3 computers going to gradute 120 ( of 3,000)
2. Needs to find mothers boards, ram, hard drives, and monitors- also cards sound, video, and networks.
3. I will check with DI and USU surplus to get computer components
4. 212 would be great. Now are 8088. 486 would help access Internet
5. Also want network cards and video cards. The server will be Lenux and the sites will still be windows. Look for Acer, DTK and Amy, Precision because motherboards are compatible.
6. The goal is to have 10 computers.
9. Printer has no tape and no paper. Model is  
Citizen GSX -190. I Will Look For And Buy A Printer Ribbon For This Printer
10. Any used software would also help as long as it has the license #.

11/12/01 Education Committee Meeting

1. Square Meter Gardening
  - > F2F will only support outside of the city. This is being handled AG. committee
  - >In the city they can do projects in various places. Jail, old folks.
  - > Now, there is no budget to do the marketing and to buy tools, resources, gift, and refreshments.
  - Example: \$250/Jail Tell Lee Van hille - We can look in Utah for funding.
2. Computers for schools
  - > 16 were sent, but of those only 9 were able to put into use: old systems and mal-yreated during transport
  - > It will be better to send as described in the visit to the school, boards, memory and cards and monitors.
  - > Need a small grant - look at POA Ed-Cult Grants  
I will look for a small grant thru partners for this computer project.
4. Pandu Projects:[www.geocities.com/utahbolivia](http://www.geocities.com/utahbolivia)
  - a) Experiential education : training of educators in EE
  - b) Irrigation in Rio Bajo for flowers.

c) Fund raising in Utah - ( not part of annual plan” responding CC)

5. I will send the annual report both to Pandu and others in my dist. and all.

**2a. Results/Impact:** What was accomplished? Include a description of results in measurable terms. (*For example: 40 high school youth from 5 high schools were trained in peer counseling techniques and assistance was provided to five high school administrators in the development of youth anti-drug organizations in the schools.*)

Person to person, I met with the officers of ABU and most of the current members. At the monthly meeting of the general membership including all of the ABU sub-committees, I delivered a summary of my impressions of the priorities, agriculture and youth programs.

**2b.** What difficulties were encountered and lessons learned that may be useful to future travelers?

No difficulties encountered in my travels.

I did, however, meet several members in Bolivia and the U.S. who were upset by the difficulty of working through the bureaucracy of Partners at the local and national levels.

Lessons learned: Leadership orientation taught the importance of planning activities with the board, and demonstrated a practical and fun approach to doing the planning.

**2c.** What are the expected or anticipated long-term benefits of your project? Have any new projects or spin-offs emerged?

Improved communication between North and South. Smoother operation of the Partnership including flow of personnel, goods and services. I expect that we will be able to form an agriculture committee in Utah that can build support for the Farmer to Farmer program. I also expect that we will be more involved with youth in Utah and the La Paz area of Bolivia.

**3. Follow-up:** How do you plan to share this experience with your Partner chapter and your community?

I will distribute this trip report to Partners in Utah and in Bolivia via e-mail. Also, I will distribute to those non-members who are interested in Utah-Bolivia Partners and for whom I have an e-mail address. I will ask them to help me accomplish the following:

- #1 PRIORITY: For art exhibit with Our Lady of Lourdes School during Olympics  
Juan Carlos and I can write proposal
- For Ballet School, arrange support for the building of a new dance conservatory in La Paz and I will contact Janet Muse, Dance instructor U/U.

- I will communicate to advance the four action points for working with Univ. El Alto
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    - Talk to Dick Bohman about an exchange of personnel working with blind
  - For Health Committee
    - >Diabete Program, I will ask the Hawes for some money to support the diabetes program directed by Justo Camao
    - > Mental Health: I will talk to Wilma about bringing a list of names and e-mails to learn about mental health(?)
  - I will talk to Landscape Architect Dept. at USU to design a monument to Sister Cities and POA. Also, ask Landscape Architect about central park in La Paz
  - For Maria Antoneita Suars Home for the blind in Oruro, I will contact DI about a shipment to Oruro
  - On behalf of Emma, I will deliver papers to Rock Anderson and Dick Bohman
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  - Printer has no tape and no paper. Model is Citizen GSX -190. I Will look for and buy a printer ribbon for this printer
  - For Mock Trial Competition, I will write a 2-page concept paper by 1/1/02
4. Please provide any other general comments/suggestions regarding your trip.

Thanks to Partners National for all their hard work that makes this program possible. Thanks for the trip it was great to return to Bolivia after a 10 year absence.

**Please fill out and return this report with your:**

- airline ticket stubs
- **expense report** with receipts

**Copies of any newspaper/media reports or action photos of your project would also be appreciated.**

**Trip reports must be submitted as soon as possible following your return and *no later than thirty (30) days after the completion of your trip.***

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