



A Final Update on Your Gift for a New Kitchen and Dining Room

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Improved Infrastructure for Better Child Development

Purpose of Project

Before Christian Brothers Moving & Storage stepped forward to help, the Compassion center operated by Emaus Fuente de Vida Church had no facilities for preparing and serving nutritious meals to the beneficiaries in its care. As a result, the center’s pursuit of one of Compassion’s primary goals — the healthy physical development of children — was seriously hampered.

Today, thanks to your caring generosity, this issue is a thing of the past! You have enabled the church to construct a fully equipped kitchen (approximately 215 sq. ft.) and dining room (approximately 1,033 sq. ft.) on its premises. In addition, a storage area has been constructed for the safe-keeping of food and supplies.

Although the center is currently closed to group activities because of the COVID-19 pandemic, the new kitchen and dining room are ready for full use when the children return.

Community Served

Founded in 2018, the Emaus Fuente de Vida Church is in the community of Rosales, located northwest of the city of El Alto. Home to 3,500 people, Rosales lacks access to such basic public services as electricity, potable water and sewage systems. Most working adults are engaged in informal commerce, construction and temporary jobs for a meager wage. And because there are no schools nearby, the children must walk long distances to attend classes.

Key Intervention Accomplishments



November 2019 - January 2020: Initial planning meetings and development of architectural plans



January - February: General contractor selected; local project committee appointed; materials purchased



March - October: Construction launched March 9; facility dedicated October 15



August - September: Virtual nutrition workshops conducted for children’s caregivers



The Results of Your Compassion

In anticipation of the day when her children will resume activities at the Compassion center, Amalia says, “I am happy because I know my children will have the pleasure of eating in a wonderful dining room. And I know the meals will be safe to eat because they have the facilities to prepare healthy meals.”

In the meantime, this intervention is already having a significant impact on the children and their families. The center is providing them with regular food supplies to help them through the pandemic. And caregivers have been trained how to make the most of these provisions for their children’s best health through the five virtual workshops that were held in August and September.

Led by a former Compassion-assisted child who now has a degree in gastronomy, these Zoom workshops were attended by 150 caregivers. Topics included the basics of good nutrition and proper food preparation.

Of the workshop attendees, Center Director Angélica Condori reports that 141 have demonstrated a commitment to improving their children’s nutrition. “It was a blessing for them to have this learning time,” Angélica says. “We trust that soon we will be able to carry out workshops in person and use the kitchen and dining room to continue training parents since they requested more workshops on these topics. This intervention greatly contributed to the nourishment and health of the children.”

Vital Outcomes at Emaus Fuente de Vida Child Development Center



376 children and adults benefiting (including 240 Compassion-registered children)



100% of the construction goals completed



150 caregivers trained in good nutrition and proper food preparation



Children served by the Compassion center have the promise of a healthier future

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



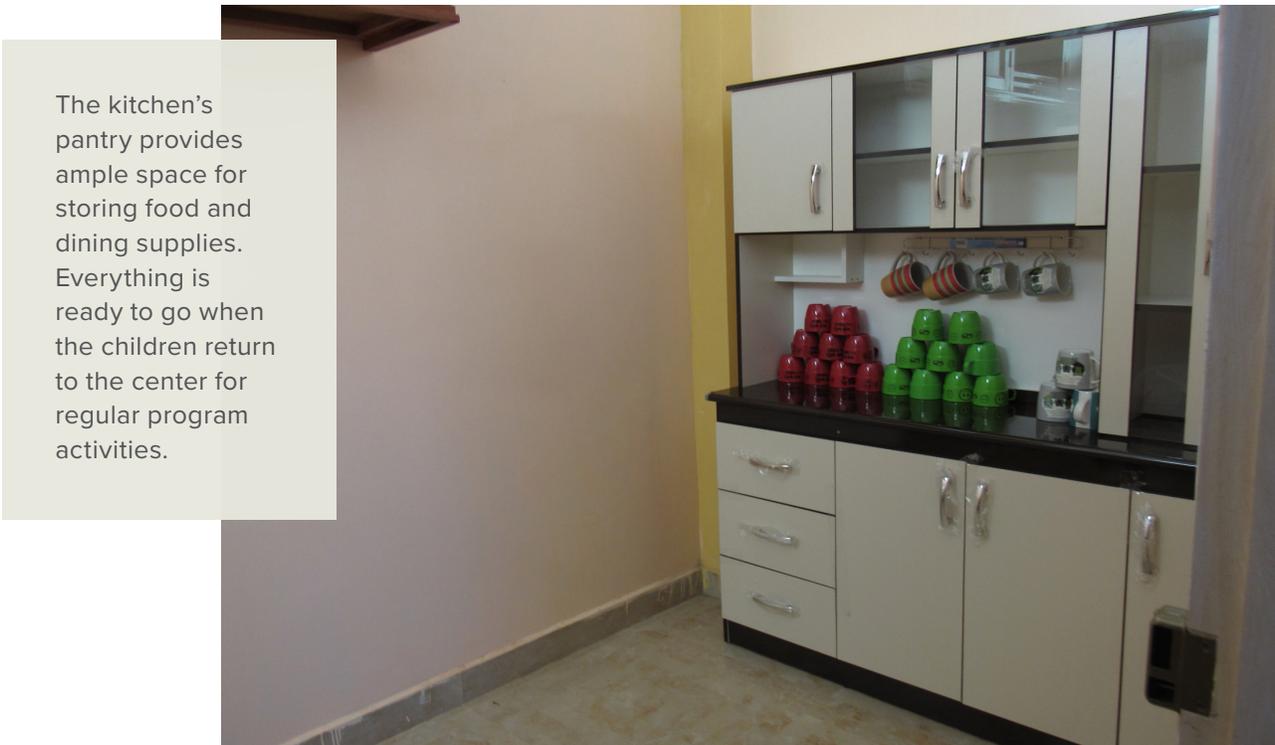
When a countrywide quarantine was mandated in Bolivia on March 22, there was a temporary halt to construction. The workers, one giving a positive thumbs-up in this photo, were happy to resume work in the middle of June.



A master mason was hired to set ceramic tiles on the kitchen walls, as well as the floors of the kitchen and dining room. The tiles are durable and easy to keep clean, helping to maintain a hygienic environment.



The brightly lighted dining room will comfortably accommodate the center's 240 registered children. They will enjoy not only nutritious meals here, but also the opportunity to fellowship and develop good relationship skills.



The kitchen's pantry provides ample space for storing food and dining supplies. Everything is ready to go when the children return to the center for regular program activities.

The October 15 dedication of the completed facility concluded with a celebration lunch attended by church leaders, center staff and representatives from Compassion Bolivia.



Thank You for Making a Difference



Christian Brothers, thank you again for making this important intervention possible. Your gift is so much more than bricks and mortar. It is real help and lasting hope for the children whose lives it will touch, today and in the years to come. Most important, it sends to their hearts a clear message of God's great love and provision for them. May God richly bless you for making a difference in this powerful way!

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