

Steve & Mary Hawthorne's Ministry Report - February 2012 from Potosí, Bolivia



On Tuesday night, February 14, we opened the doors of the new Family Medicine Center to the public. A wonderful group of people came to celebrate with us that included government officials and car mechanics, Catholic nuns and evangelical pastors, children and elderly, Quechuas & Latinos.

Since then our nurses have finished surveying our community. We've taken proposals to the principals of the schools in our area to work with them toward building healthy families. We've talked to the nuns who run a homeless shelter nearby about giving medical care to the people they watch over. We visited the leaders of the churches in our area. And we took a team retreat over the Carnival holiday.



Family News:

On Feb. 13, Anne Marie started working full-time as a Spanish teacher at Wheaton North High School

Anne Marie's and Juan Pablo's May 19 wedding is soon here. Mary and I will be returning to Wheaton for that and staying for home assignment May, June and July.

My dear Uncle Bert Elliot died in Peru on February 17. He was 87. My mother was with him and Aunt Colleen when he died. Bert and Colleen were models and mentors for Mary and me.



PRAYER REQUESTS FOR MARCH

- * Francisco and Teresa Nina postponed their trip to Ecuador for a month to help their girls acclimate to the new school year. Now they plan to leave March 21, when I will cover the clinic.
- * We pray that our application for dual citizenship (now in its 5th year) will miraculously finish this month. If not, in April we will have to borrow our passports again from the national Immigration office to travel to the USA.
- * My wallet disappeared on a bus ride Feb 28, meaning more visits to government offices to replace my lost ID card and driver's license.
- * I have many opportunities to counsel with patients who come to the clinic. Pray for open hearts to respond to the Good News in Jesus.
- * At present, Mary and I are living in two rooms on a terrace above the clinic. There isn't a kitchen and the only sink for washing dishes is outside. The constant rains make this an aggravation for Mary - pray for her patience.



With one of my little old Quechua ladies in Yawisla.