

Community Center of Hope

The Cochabamba International Church is a community center of hope! I remember meeting with the founders in 2002 and hearing their vision for ministering to the spiritual, physical and social needs of the Cochabamba community. Since

have her appendix removed. Not only were the pastors on site in the hospital to pray and encourage Alexandra and her mom, the CIC also helped to cover part of the cost of the surgery.

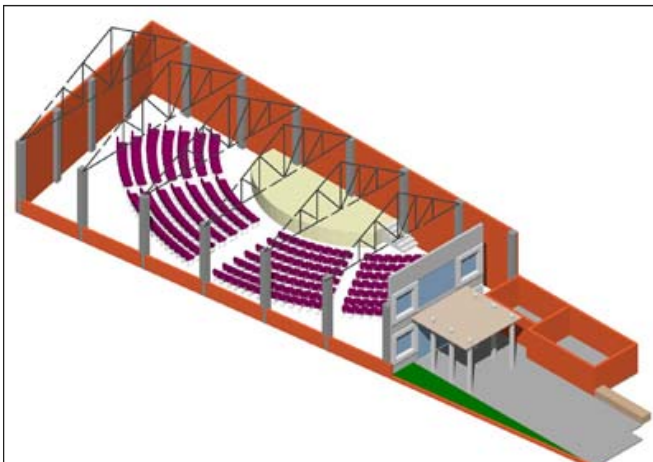


Construction is underway — July 7th!

those early days many lives have been impacted. Joys have been multiplied and sorrows have been shared. Just this month the CIC again reached out, this time to Roxana's daughter Alexandra who had an emergency surgery to



Clearing the land and getting ready to start.



Artist's drawing of the new building for the CIC!

Bolivia Trivia

Bolivia has 16 airports with paved runways. How many airports does it have with unpaved runways?

- A. 157 airports
- B. 352 airports
- C. 689 airports
- D. 993 airports

(See page two for the answer.)

It is with special joy and pleasure that we can announce that the CIC family is finally going to have their own building! For years the CIC rented space and before Karin and I left last year they were able to purchase land. Now they going to have their own auditorium!

For me, one of the most exciting parts of this step of growth is just how the funds and work came together. Juan José (our VB office manager in Bolivia) was there at this special meeting and I asked him to share the story in his own words (translated by Jonathan).

A Dream Becomes Reality

By Juan José Nuñez Campero

For years the Cochabamba International Church has been renting meeting space. Most recently the CIC has been renting from a local University. One Sunday there was a robbery and the school felt that it might have been related to the church meeting in the facilities. This prompted them to raise the rent significantly. The leadership team felt that this was a sign that it was time to step out in faith and begin building their



View from the front of the building — August 15th.



Walls, roof and floor all nearly finished!

own meeting facility – even though they didn't have enough money. And they were committed to not borrowing the funds.

One Sunday before the start of the work, it was decided to carry out the work with whatever donations of materials and work (labor) that were given. Pastor Edwin made the announcement to the congregation and there was stunned silence. After what seemed like a long time, one person raised a hand to offer his labor. One by one, more and more people committed to give brick, concrete, metal, roofing . . . on and on it went until we finally had to start making notes about who was giving what. This outpouring of generosity from those who have so little showed in a concrete way the solidarity and love people have

for the CIC. Many hearts were touched that day.

Today we are just weeks away from meeting in our own facilities for the first time in our history! All this has happened in less than four months and as the building has been going up more and more have been contributing. God is faithful! I am convinced that this mul-

tifunctional building will strengthen the CIC and help the church to minister to even more people living here in Cochabamba.

Bolivia Trivia Answer:

B. 993 airports

Bolivia's diverse landscape of Amazon jungle, highland plateaus and Andes mountains makes flying a real adventure!

