

Welcome, VB Board Members

Viva Bolivia began as an ministry of the First Free Methodist Church (FFMC) in Seattle, Washington. Largely through the support and encouragement of FFMC, Viva Bolivia has grown from an idea into the organization that you have been reading about in our newsletters this past year.

We are excited to announce that we will soon be taking another important step. We have applied to become a 501(c)(3) corporation in the United States. Basically, this means Viva Bolivia will be able to accept tax deductible donations directly from our supporters and act as an independent charity. Of course, we will be continuing our partnerships with FFMC and our other supporters as we grow.

One step in the process of becoming a public charity is to form a Board of Directors. To this end, we are pleased to introduce Kristi Calawa, Mike Rice and

Nate Wetzel as our charter Board Members! Kristi (kristi@vivabolivia.org) will also be receiving and processing donations on our behalf.

We are also thankful for the input and support of the spouses of our new Board members (Kristi's husband is Rick, Mike is married to Carrie and Nate's wife is Sara). They all attended our first official Board meeting this past September.

The Board has approved our By-Laws and Articles of Incorporation and we have received our Certificate of Incorporation for Washington State. If you would like to review any of the above, just let us know and we will be happy to email you a copy.

We are excited about these new developments and are thankful for each person who has made this process possible for Viva Bolivia!

What We Did Last Summer



Speaking at First Free Methodist Church

On October 2, we returned to Bolivia after 2 1/2 months in the United States. During our time in the U.S., we spoke at eight churches, a Rotary Club and the Uni-

versity of Washington. Jonathan also attended a SIM (Serving In Mission) convention in North Carolina to raise awareness for Café Yungas. Some other important milestones included:

1. Finding a distributor for Café Yungas and other products from Bolivia. We want to thank Gary Trantor, who has offered to provide low-cost warehouse space and distribution services.
2. Holding our first official Viva Bolivia Board Meeting. (See above article.)
3. Making connections with several churches and individuals who expressed an interest in coming to Bolivia as part of a short-term team.

4. Introducing Café Yungas and other products from Bolivia to potential new markets in the United States.
5. Visiting with many of you! It was so wonderful to visit with friends and family. Your support and encouragement is a crucial part of our work! We enjoyed the time to reconnect, relax, and regale you with tales of our experiences in Bolivia!

Bolivia Trivia

To make the flight from the United States to Bolivia, most airlines fly out of Miami, Florida. From Miami, the flight to Bolivia takes about:

- A. 3 hours
- B. 10 hours
- C. 6 hours
- D. 15 hours



(See page two for the answer.)

A Litany of Thanks!

Our trip this summer to the United States would not have been successful without the help of many different individuals. We would like to take this space to heartily thank all those who gave us a helping hand. Thanks to . . .

Carl and Deanna Thomé for providing a home, delicious meals and a cell phone for us during our stay in Seattle; Roger and Sandy Schoenhals for giving us the use of their car; Kathryn and Derek Johnson for providing storage space for our belongings and receiving our U.S. mail; the Cliffe family for providing discount airfare tickets; Woodstock Free Methodist Church, Winona Lake Free Methodist Church, Warsaw Rotary Club, Warm Beach Free Methodist Church, Wenatchee Free Methodist Church, Light & Life Bible Fellowship, TimberLake Christian Fellowship, First Free Methodist Church, Friendship Days at SIM, Shoreline

Free Methodist Church and Russ and Don at the University of Washington Bothell MBA program for giving us the opportunity to share about the work of Viva Bolivia (breathe here).



Another successful boat docking!

The Ducharme family for hosting Jonathan in Charlotte, North Carolina; the Rankin family, Dixon family, Gene and Helen Honeycutt, Kay Quantrell and Lawrence and Ruth Schoenhals for providing lodging on the mid-west portion of our trip; the Weinert family and Julia Schoenhals for providing stress relief for Jonathan in the form of sailing adventures; the Chilian family for whisking Karin away for a relaxing weekend

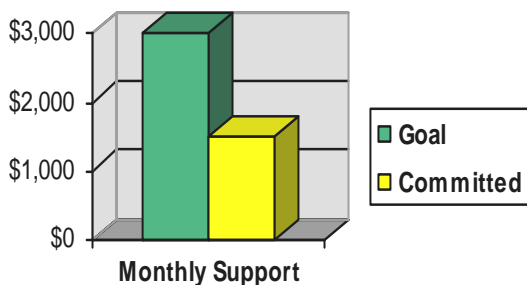
in San Diego; Valerie Arvon and Alex Weinert for leveraging their software connections on our behalf; and all of our friends and family who made time to meet with us during our stay! Thank you, thank you, thank you!!! We are blessed to have you in our lives!

Support Goals 2004

We are thankful for the individuals and churches who have supported us financially thus far, making it possible for us to initiate our work in Bolivia. In this article, you will find an overview of our fundraising goals for 2004.

Our base support goal is \$3,000 per month for 2004. This covers our living expenses, insurance costs and some of our travel and ministry expenses. We are also hoping to raise support for a vehicle and a video projector. Will you consider joining our support team? Together we can provide leadership for today and hope for tomorrow in Bolivia!

To date, we are nearly halfway to our monthly support goal for 2004. This means that churches and individuals have committed to nearly \$1,500 per month. If you would like to help us reach our goal and continue this important work, please contact us or visit our Web site for more information: <http://www.vivabolivia.org/support>



Café Yungas Makes Debut



Jonathan at Friendship Days with some fresh brewed Café Yungas.

Café Yungas made its U.S. debut during our recent trip to the United States. Thanks to your input, we have made some changes to the ordering process. Now, ordering Café Yungas for your home or organization is even easier!

First, we have a new order form that you can print out from our Website (<http://www.cafeyungas.org>) and fax to us using a U.S. telephone number (206.299.8482).

Secondly, we now offer a choice of dark or light roasts. Finally, we have lowered our minimum order quantity to 50 bags!

If your church or organization is looking for a great fundraiser this holiday season or just wants to serve a coffee with a purpose, try Café Yungas!

Bolivia Trivia Answer:

C. 6 hours

Editor's Note: Interestingly enough, the flight from Miami to Bolivia takes about the same amount of time as the flight from Seattle to Miami (assuming you can find a direct flight)!