

AUGUST 2009

BOLIVIAN RAMBLINGS

KEEPING UP TO DATE WITH ANDY IN BOLIVIA

*Roberto**

Roberto is a 10 year old kid I have been working with for the past few months on the streets

of El Alto. He lives and works on the streets and has no wish to come off the streets at the moment. This is a common story with the children - many of them have a sense of identity and freedom in their street life that they are not willing to give up. Please pray for Roberto as we continue to work with him, that he may see the benefits of moving off the streets.

**Name changed to protect his identity*



FIRST CLIMBING TRIP WITH KAYA

This month has seen the first climbing trips out with the children in the Kaya project, which has been an amazing thing to see. Eight months after starting the fund raising for this scheme, the equipment arrived safely, and we launched the project with an intensive week of climbing every afternoon, and a full day out with the children.

With the help of Ben Pryke, the team leader from the Newcastle team who visited this month, we managed to give the majority of the children the opportunity to climb during the week. It was exciting to see the kids getting into it, and even though a couple froze on the way

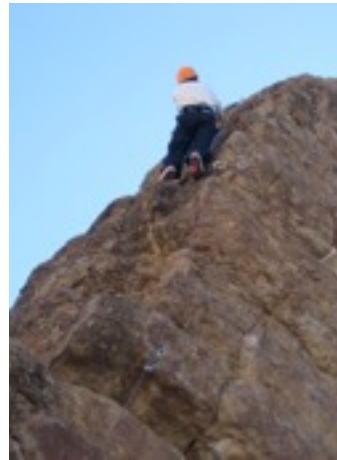
down (leading to some interesting rescues!) the kids seemed to have an amazing time.

Over the next few weeks we hope to start taking a group of four children once every week, to give them the opportunity to learn

more techniques, and get to do more difficult climbs. A couple of the older ones in particular are wanting to learn more, which will be really exciting. Please pray for continued safety as we climb, and also for the children to

continue enjoying this activity.

Thank you to everyone who made this project a reality - it really has been amazing to see.



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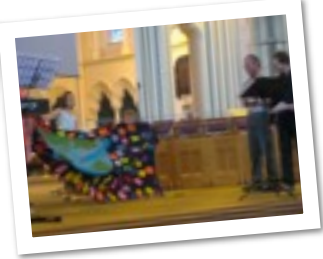
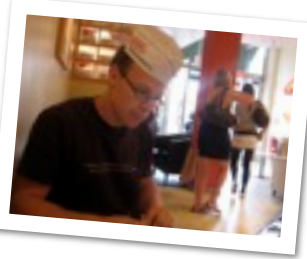
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Home Leave to the UK

During July, I went back to the UK for a week to attend two weddings and my godson's dedication. It was a great time to see family and loved ones, and catch up with how people are!

It was also great to spend time at my two supporting churches, Little Leigh Baptist Church in Cheshire and Christ Church Clifton in Bristol, and share some of

the experiences I have had during my time out here so far. In particular it was amazing to receive a banner for the children here from the children's work at Christ Church - the kids love it!

Please pray as I think through and pray through conversations I had whilst back as I started to think over the future.

DATES TO REMEMBER

AUGUST 10TH

Returning back to classes with the kids in Kaya after home leave and the visit of the Newcastle team.

AUGUST 14TH

Visiting Cochabamba for the weekend to spend some time with the Parker family - another Latin Link family here - to spend time praying through the future.

AUGUST 21ST

End of the Kaya Maths Challenge 2009 - pray as we then return back to normal classes!



Newcastle Team

This last month we had a team from Newcastle working in La Paz, including spending a week at Kaya. It was great to have them here, and they were a real blessing to the work happening here.

Future plans

During the time in the UK I spent a lot of time working through what I should be doing after my time out here. At the moment I am most likely going to return to the UK to return back to youth work, and start a distance masters in cross cultural biblical interpretation.

Points for thanks

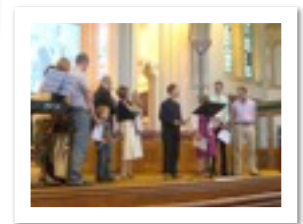
- For a good time with the team on the Latin Link team conference.
- For a great home leave, and for all those who opened their homes and offices to me as I travelled round the UK



- For the opportunity to spend time with loved ones during the time back home.
- For the Newcastle team and the blessing they were to the work out here, both at Kaya and also in Alpacoma.
- For the safe travel back here with all the climbing equipment and first aid equipment that had been donated.

Points for requests

- For the next few weeks in the school as we finish the maths challenge and return back to normal classes.
- For the climbing trips, as we try and set up regular trips out with the kids.
- For future plans out here, especially as I think about when to return to the UK and a possible distance masters



- For relationships between the members of the team in Kaya as we come to the end of the first year with the new structure.
- For Kaya as they think about their future vision and work in La Paz.