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Hi John,

You’re part of a global movement of Christians around the world, praying and taking action to stop slavery and violence.

Meet Voceros de la Iglesia *(pictured)*: one of IJM’s partners in Bolivia. This group is formed of Christian volunteers who feel called to help protect children from sexual violence.

“We work where God leads us, and with the talents we receive from him.”

With IJM’s support, these passionate volunteers are **providing a safe space for survivors** and their families to seek help.

What’s more, after receiving training from IJM, Voceros de la Iglesia now **delivers training to churches, community leaders and schools** to empower more people to identify and handle situations of sexual violence.

Their work and prayers are vital in Bolivia. According to a recent study conducted by IJM in three cities, **40% of teenagers aged 13-17 have experienced violence at some point in their lives.** In almost half of the cases, the perpetrator was known by the victim.

These stats can feel overwhelming, but James 5:16 says, “the prayer of a righteous person has great power.” **Please pray with boldness today for Voceros de la Iglesia – that their work would help bring lasting protection to children in Bolivia – and for an end to sexual violence against children across Latin America.**

Opening Prayer

God our strength,

We thank you for the work and
witness of Voceros de la Iglesia,
protecting children from
sexual violence in Bolivia.

We pray that you would
provide for every need
as they seek justice and
lasting change in this area.

We ask for your blessing on further
initiatives across Latin America,
and praise you for recent
partnership opportunities
and the courageous
leadership of survivors.

United in prayer together -
we pray your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.

Amen

PRAISE POINTS

Praise God for 200+ church leaders from Central America, Mexico and Latin America who recently participated in training to support children affected by violence. IJM Guatemala and *Christian Movement against Violence against Children* provided training on biblical justice, sexual violence prevention, and identification of signs of abuse. Pray that God will continue to guide these leaders so that children receive the care and protection they need.

PRAYER POINTS

Pray for the remodeling of a police station in Guatemala that will create a safe and private space for children and women. Previously, victims had to report cases of abuse in a public, open area - often deterring survivors from going to the police. Pray that the new space will encourage more children and women to come forward and receive the support they need.

Pray for survivor leaders speaking out against violence in Latin America. IJM is currently supporting six survivor groups across Bolivia, Guatemala and Peru. These groups consist of brave women and men who have experienced violence and are now advocating to protect more children. Pray that God would use their experiences powerfully for good.

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