

Wendy Tito – June-July 2015 Update
Bolivian Quaker Education Fund

Dear brothers and sisters,

I take this opportunity to send greetings in the name of our beloved Jesus Christ, wishing each of you a blessed life.

I am Wendy Evelyn Tito Patty, and I am now in my 8th semester of study at the “Universidad Mayor de San Andrés UMSA” specializing in Public Accounting.

Academic Aspect

First Activity

During June, I and 12 of my companions worked in a group studying mining accounting, investigating various forms of mining exploitation. We each investigated and then debated in meetings regarding our own findings. It is a fascinating topic and I learned a great deal about mining exploitation in Bolivia. There are 3 forms: wells, subterranean mines, and open air mining. Mining by wells is used to obtain oil and gas, underground mining is used for tin, wolfram, lead, silver and zinc, and open air mining is used for gold copper, iron and many other minerals. All of these need to go through further processing to be commercialized, since they can contain sand and gravel depending upon the depth of the mine. It was very interesting to work with my fellow students, and we all felt blessed by God in that we produced good work.

Second Activity

In Computational Theory, we are learning how to program in Excel, which will be very useful because to be honest I don't handle it very well. I learned the use of the tool bar and each of the icons, which is practical and necessary, and I created forms for salaries and graphics, working with formulas, importing documents through Access and dynamic tables. Now I am learning how to manage the accounting package ORION, through which we created a company for application of our chart of accounts. It is a well-known package, and I like these classes very much because they are necessary in the labor market.

Family Aspect

During June we had some problems with my uncles in whose house we were living, so we needed to find another place to live. Thanks to God, we found two rooms to rent in Ciudad de El Alto, at an affordable price, although it is a little far for me. But the good thing is that we are now more tranquil. It was difficult for me to accustom myself, because the house does not have easy transportation so I need to leave earlier so I am not late for my classes. I don't know anyone there, having lived in the former house since I was a little girl and all my friends are there. So it made me a little sad, leaving so much, but I understand that everything happens for a reason, so perhaps God has a better plan for my family.

Following the arduous work of moving, we had my mother's birthday, and in the last 2 years I and my brothers have decided to have a lunch for her. So my brother-in-law and I prepared a rich “Chicharrón” of chicken which we shared at mid-day, and then in the afternoon we ate orange biscuits my brother and I had prepared the day before, which were delicious, and we

served them with a chocolate drink and a pastry we purchased. It was not that big a deal, but something we always pay attention to is that it does not matter what you have to eat, but rather who is partaking. It was the best, because that day we all were together, my parents, my two brothers, my brother-in-law, and my little nephews. It was a special day for the family and especially for my mother who was very content, and that made me very happy after the problems we had faced.

Spiritual Aspect

This was a time to reflect a great deal due to the problems we faced one after the other, but as a family we always take the hand of our Lord because we understand those are the moments when we need to be close to Him, we know that problems are a test of our faith, and for that reason I see my family is each time stronger and united. I myself now feel very thankful to God because I know that all that is good and bad has a plan, and from each event there is something to learn. Life is not life without problems, that is life, that is how God made it, and that is how we learn to live. The truth is I learned a great deal during this time and have put my faith and trust in the Lord, and believe that all will be well.

I am very grateful for the help of my brothers and sisters at Cambridge Meeting, it is a blessing for my professional training because it allows me to cover my expenses of transportation and study materials. Now and in the future I will carry you in my prayers, that you may all be blessed.

May the peace of our Lord reign in your homes.

Blessings!

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