

Bolivia Field Trip - November 2022



This is just a short update to give an update on the Bolivia Field Trip planned for November 2022. In the language of emojis, you will see that I hope to travel from 'Scotland' by 'plane' to 'Bolivia'. I'm requesting your 'prayers' that I would go with 'love in my heart'.

The Intent of the Trip

The trip God willing is going to be happening. I've booked flights, leaving Scotland Tues 8th Nov and returning 27th Nov. My intent is to meet the Pioneers Bolivia Team, to meet with Bolivian families, some of the Bolivian Church people and some of the Quechua people. Most of all, I'd love to maybe see and meet some of the children on the streets but I'm not sure if that's appropriate or right at this time.

This trip is an important part of the process of becoming a missionary with Pioneers. Following the application to Pioneers and then starting dialogue with a variety of different potential ministries, there's a collective agreement that work in Bolivia seems to be the way forward. This will involve being based in Sucre, the judicial capital of Bolivia exploring the possibilities, together with the Bolivian Church, for helping children on the streets from the Quechua people group.

Trip Details

The Pioneers Team in Bolivia work in the three areas that I mentioned in the last newsletter – Cochabamba, to the north of Sucre, Sucre itself and Tarija to the south. I'll be starting my trip with some of the Pioneers Team in Cochabamba, flying directly in to just over 8,000 feet altitude so please pray that I'll adjust to the high altitude. I'll be there for a few days and then fly south to Sucre at 9,100 feet and then, together with one of the Bolivian Team go down to Tarija and then back to Sucre. From Sucre I'll fly back to the UK.

I'd really value prayer for the logistics of it all. There are lots of new things to experience – a new country, a new continent, new airports, a new language, a new team, new people group and a new ministry. In a practical sense, I tend not to sleep very well or easily. I don't really sleep on flights as I don't find it easy to sleep sitting up, so I expect to be tired. Please pray also for all the arrangements involved in the internal flights.

In the places where I'll be staying, I hope and pray that I'll be able to rest, be a good guest and not be grouchy if I'm tired. I also hope and pray that I don't get headaches or altitude sickness.

Please pray also for all that's involved in meeting the Pioneers Team members and the Bolivian people I'll be engaging with, that good relationships would be established. Pray that there would be a real openness, friendliness and fellowship. Pray that we would have good open conversations and discussions about the opportunities for ministry for God's glory and honour.

Preparation for Joining Pioneers

Since joining Pioneers there are some requirements that have to be met and some training to complete. I've been doing some additional online child protection training and some online security training, and there's also a required reading list of books. It's easy to get into the mindset that I just

need to tick all the boxes then it's done. However, God has really been challenging me to enjoy and benefit from what has to be done in this process.

The books that are required reading have been excellent. They are:

- The Peace Maker by K.Sande
- Spiritual Survival Handbook
- Celebration of Discipline by R.Foster
- When Helping Hurts by Corbett, Fikkert
- Funding the Family Business by M.Wilson
- Seven Things I Wish All Christians Knew About the Bible by M.Bird
- Cross-Cultural Conflict by D.Elmer

Many people have gone out in Global Mission work, as I've gone out myself into Global Mission work in India and Africa, and there are valuable lessons to learn. Reading these books has been good for me spiritually, and not just about the details of what I'm going to be doing in ministry and having the right sense of where that is. We're not saved by works but we want to serve the Lord from a place of loving Him and bringing Him glory and honour.

The 'cross-cultural' reading has been very interesting but the 'spiritual disciplines' material has actually been my favourite. I'm naturally not great at discipline and yet it's the very thing that I desperately need and the Lord obviously knew that. I would recommend each of the books but if I could highlight one in particular, it would be Richard Foster's book on the celebration of spiritual disciplines and I hope that you will be blessed by it as I was.

Another aspect of preparation for going to Bolivia is to visit the Pioneers UK office in Bawtry outside Doncaster. The first two days will involve practical security training. There will also be a full day to get to know the team; the Finance team, the Member Care personnel and the Leadership, and I'm looking forward to that

Appreciation for your Support

There have been some further developments as I've been transitioning from AIM. This month, November, is the final month for AIM receiving any standing orders. AIM have written to all my supporters with instructions to stop giving support for myself through AIM, and I hope you have received that communication.

I do want to show my appreciation to those who have started giving towards my support through Pioneers. If you have been supporting me through AIM and, if you are able to, please do start with Pioneers. If anyone has not been giving before and would like to start then please do so, as this is a very necessary part of ministry and assignment with Pioneers. As an assignment is formulated, a budget is put together and there needs to be the necessary funds available. I appreciate your support and partnership in ministry.

Regarding ways to give please see the options below and ensure that you use the following as the reference: **300SC1-Campbell.**

1. **Bank Transfer:** - If you have access to online banking, you can make a payment online/set up a standing order which you can control (when to start and stop) or if you want to increase or decrease the amount. Please note, Pioneers can't set up a direct debit on your account as only your bank can do that.
2. **Cheque:** - You can send a cheque to Pioneers UK who will bank the cheque same month they have received it.

3. **Stewardship or CAF:** - You can also gift using these organisations and Pioneers will be able to collect the funds from them.
4. **Website:** - This payment option is currently down and Pioneers are still looking at ways to implement this method. As the new website is almost complete it is hoped this will be available soon.
5. **PayPal:** - Supporters can also give via PayPal

Bank Details:

PIONEERS UK MINISTRIES
NATWEST BANK
SORTCODE: 60-02-50
ACCOUNT: 69239584

Conclusion

Please pray:

- That meeting with the Pioneers UK team will be blessed.
- That all the arrangements for the Bolivia field trip will work out as planned.
- That I will acclimatise well to altitude and the new environment and be able to rest well.
- That I would establish good relations with the Pioneers Bolivia Team and the Bolivian Church.
- That I would benefit from the reading, training and meetings involved in preparing to join Pioneers.
- That the Lord would bless those who support with prayer and finance.
- For the children on the streets in Sucre tonight and every child on the streets tonight anywhere in the world.

Every Blessing and Thank You

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