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Mission Espiritana in Bolivia

In the 05 of February 2003 one equips missionary espiritana it left for Sta. La Cruz Sierra in Bolivia. Everything began in 2000 in the Collision of Brazil: will of enlarging the presence espiritana the other countries of Latin America and that such mission united the different groups espiritanos of the area. The presence and the support of the General Superior in that Collision gave force to the projecto. The superiors take the responsibility and they begin the surveys. They consult Celam to find out which the neediest countries. Of the researches done 02 countries they appear as priority: Cuba and Bolivia. Some dioceses are contacted and in dialogue with those local churches (bishops) two confrades visit Cuba and Bolivia, where they pick the maximum of information. After a long discernment done by the group of Espiritanos of the area it is chosen Bolivia, because closer mission of Brazil and Paraguay, a more open pastoral, one of the countries more poor from Latin America, shortage of priests diocesanos, possibility of vocations and not special difficulties for the obtaining of the entrance visa.

The team is formed by 03 members: 01 of Brazil, the Foot. Adalberto Ferrezini; another of Mexico, Foot. Marcelino Cruz; and 01 lay espiritana of Brazil, Maria of Jesus. Let us hear your expectations in the moment of departure:

" After 08 years of priest and as member of a missionary Congregation, the invitation of working out of my country is a present and a privilege that all the espiritanos would like to receive. But I am also aware of the responsibility: to announce the Gospel to a private people of your rights and to testify the charisma and the spirituality of the Congregation in that country, when we are being celebrated the 300 years of our foundation " (Adalberto).

I am " happy for integrating her it equips missionary of Bolivia. È without a doubt a challenge. But I know that are not alone: Jesus Cristo is going conosco and as with the disciples of Emaús in the wait. I want hotly to announce to everyone that God is love, mercy and justice for the ones that nEle has faith. I am the sure that all the siblings of Congregation pray for this new missionary " projecto (Marcelino).

I " thank the family espiritana for the invitation to participate of the mission in Bolivia. I believe that will be an experience only, rich and very fort of presence of God in our lives and in the people's life with whom we will share our lives. I am going with the certainty of the force of the Spirit and of the support of the Congregation " (Maria of Jesus).

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