



2022 Ministry Year Review

God is on the move! This past year, we have seen much fruit in the Kayuparu ministry with shoe shiners of La Paz. Eighteen years of reaching out to shoe shiners has paid dividends, and we are curious to see what it is that God has for us in 2023. Here's a brief summary of our activities in 2022.

Year-round activities

- Kantayaña - our bi-monthly small group with shoe shiner families. We rotate through each families' homes and share a meal, the Word, worship and prayer. We include the children in each meeting. This year we studied parables of Jesus and ended the year with a book study on Timothy Keller's "Hidden Christmas."
- K'ajkiri - we made it a priority to return to the streets this year for prayer walks, visits of shoe shiners while working and to meet the new generation of shoe shiners. On Fridays we spent several hours "in their world" which is always beneficial for gaining trust.
- Women's group - Our shoe shiner ladies met monthly for lunch to encourage them in their walks with the Lord. Our lady volunteers also spent time individually with the ladies throughout the month.

February - School Material Distribution

- We were able to provide 103 primary, high school and university students of shoe shiners school materials to help them with their studies. Education is a very important element in breaking the cycle of poverty. We were also able to preach the gospel to the students, parents and siblings.

March - New Volunteer Orientation

- For the first time we had Bolivian interns as part of our leadership team. Sammy and Lucero were a huge help in not only logistics, but in expanding our relational ministry reach.
- Our team of volunteers included shoe shiners, shoe shiner children and church members from a half dozen different churches

April - Easter at the Summit

- As has become our tradition, we celebrated the risen Christ at over 15,000 feet above sea level with an outdoor service.

May - Cookies for Ukraine

- In response to the invasion of Ukraine, the small-group children gathered and made hundreds of cookies as well as banana bread. They sold their products and donated the proceeds to Samaritan's Purse to assist war refugees.

July - SIM Bolivia Spiritual Life Conference

- Every year, SIM Bolivia holds a Spiritual Life Conference to gather missionaries from around the country. For the past 3 years, COVID and political unrest prevented us from meeting in person. But this year, the team in La Paz, under the leadership of Randy and Dani and with the help of the other La Paz SIM missionaries, hosted SLC for the first time in La Paz.

September - Service Project: Painted the Shoe Shiner House

- The shoe shiners have a building in downtown La Paz. They inherited it from an NGO and are the owners. It is a place where they change clothes to go to work, have a reduced cost lunch, can use showers after work, rent lockers to store their boxes and clothes, and serves as a general meeting place. The money generated from locker rentals can pay the utilities, but there is not often money left for maintenance. So, for the third time, Kayuparu has come alongside the shoe shiners to paint their building. It was no small feat, requiring dozens of volunteers (both from Kayuparu and from the shoe shiner house) and several days.

October - Camping with Kantayaña

- We took to the hills in October with nearly 40 adults and children to brave the elements and battle gravity. Despite lots of rain, it was a great bonding time for old friends, and we welcomed several new shoe shiners via the trip.

November - Kopa Kayuparu & Campeonato Basquet

- The last trimester of the year we went back to our roots and once again assembled a basketball team, but this time with the children of the first shoe shiners we coached 18 years ago. Our oldest three (Xander, Calvin and Devany) joined the team, and we took first place in the year-end championship.
- We also held a futsal (soccer on a basketball court) tournament in November. With six teams and fans, there were more than 100 participants. Dani shared the gospel with passion and conviction.

December - Christmas celebration

- We concluded the year with a Christmas celebration, pointing ourselves to the only hope and source of purpose in the baby born in the manger.