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## **Ref.: A SPECIAL THANK YOU**

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

We pray that each of you are healthy and send our most sincere thanks and prayers for each. We want to share with you the goals we were able to reach in 2019 and our projections for 2020.

First, express our THANKS to you...may God recompense all your efforts in donating your love offerings, THANKS for your prayers and above all, THAKS for sharing our faith in a living and merciful God.

The funds that you sent in 2019 were used to pay the salaries for several team member who work at the Centro Vida Feliz (full time Director, part time agronomist and part time person in charge of storehouse). We also receive support from the Municipal government to pay the cook and cook's assistant, The Nueva Vida Baptist Church pays a pastor as chaplain and a local donor family pays the accountant. These donations you send are fundamental for the Centro to carry out all our activities.

Here is a list of our goals reached in 2019:

1. We changed the thatch roof on the 'Zion cabin' made possible by a group of community volunteers, using traditional knowhow from the elderly.

2. We received more than 20 visits from student groups from local schools. They visited with the elderly and brought us cleaning supplies, along with a lot of smiles for the elderly.

3. In December 2019 we finally began our income generating project, serving fresh local juices at the plaza from our '*Jugos Fresh*' truck, thanks to support from the Evangelical University of Bolivia and local volunteers.

4. We received the blessings of harvest from our garden and orchard (veggies, bananas, lemons, mangos, avocados and medicinal plants). Most went into the daily menu for lunches the elderly members every day.

5. We organized The Vida Feliz Cycling Club to promote cycling for local transportation and as an alternative sport for young and old. The club hosted a national all-terrain bike race here.

6. We opened an excercise class in the afternoons for youth and adults led by a university student.

7. In the summer vacation (January) we offered classes for children (story times, artistic expression, healthy snacks, recreational activites) for children to develop other abilities and interact with the elderly.

8. The daily activities for the elderly have maintained good participation, from 60 up to 100 participants Monday to Saturday in Spiritual life, preventive health, social activities and nutritional support with daily lunches from our kitchen, all of which better the quality of life for the elderly that participate at Vida Feliz.
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9. During 2019 we continued to give administrative support to the Network for the Elderly of the Municipality that serves over 2700 persons, especially in managing the distribution of food rations for all of them.

For 2020 we commit ourselves again to keep walking alongside our elderly following our founding principles of charity, service, self respect and respect for our neighbor, solidarity with those that suffer and mutual cooperation.

Finally, we encourage you to continue walking with us in 2020, so that in the next 5 years we can achieve these medium term goals:

1. A vehicle for the institution's use.

2. General renovation of our infrastructure (buildings and grounds)

3. Initiate studies for new projects and improving our daily programs to strengthen the quality of life for our 'grandparents' as we call them.

We thank God for each of you and for having brought us together to give a Happy Life to the these elderly of our community.

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