



## Ehlers Family Letter - Jan 2011



### El Jordán

Bolivia has a poverty rate of over 60%, and the pain is difficult to imagine. Young children leave home and live on the streets, mothers are unable to support their families, and fathers frequently abandon their families. In their desperation, some turn to drugs, crime and dark spirituality.

El Jordán serves these very people by offering them a chance to learn life-changing skills, support their families and an opportunity to learn about Jesus Christ. They offer classes in sewing, leather-craft, beadwork and more, which men and women can take and sell their products at craft sales. Through helping people meet tangible needs, El Jordán is able to share the gospel with those who come to the centre.

Our family is excited to be part of this ministry. We are planning to leave for Santa Cruz, Bolivia for a one year term in spring 2011. We have been exploring opportunities to serve in other countries for the past few years, and through an interest in Spanish-speaking countries and desire to serve the poor we discovered El Jordán. After meeting a missionary to Santa Cruz, Bolivia, we were inspired to continue pursuing missions, and now we are looking forward to going to serve at El Jordán.

#### Please Pray...

- That our preparations to leave would go smoothly and stay on track.
- That Miles would be excited and peaceful about moving.
- For El Jordan to recover money that was stolen from a building project.

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## Candidate Orientation

For two weeks in January, our family attended the Candidate Orientation Program with Avant Ministries, the mission organization that we will be working for. At their campus in Kansas City, Missouri, we learned about transitioning into another country and preparing for our ministry.

We were appointed by Avant on January 21st, along with thirteen others. Over the next couple of years we'll be spreading out across the world to spread the gospel and care for people in some of the most unreached parts of the world.

Avant's mission is to "glorify God by helping others enjoy His presence through planting and developing new churches in the unreached areas of the world." They focus on going where less than 2% of the population are considered to be evangelical Christians. We are excited to be part of this organization and we're grateful for the support and training we have received.



## Partner With Us

Thank you to everyone who has committed to praying for us and the ministry at El Jordán. We will send regular updates and prayer/praise requests by email or mail.

Thank you to everyone who pledged financial support over the past couple of months, and for those who supported us through our coffee fundraiser before Christmas. We raised more than enough to pay for Orientation. We're excited that our account is now open with Avant, and cheques may be sent to:

Avant Ministries  
2121 Henderson Hwy  
Winnipeg, Manitoba  
R2G 1P8

Donations may also be made online by going to [www.avantministries.org](http://www.avantministries.org) and clicking on "Give."

We are required to raise \$3000 per month including all living expenses, benefits, and administration costs. Would you join with us in this ministry to the people of Santa Cruz by contributing in one of the categories below:

2 people at \$200/month  
8 people at \$100/month  
10 people at \$75/month  
16 people at \$50/month  
10 people at \$25/month



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