



# From Your Missionary ...

“To leverage existing knowledge and relationships” is a priority for the next phase of our ministry. We feel confident that God wants to build on the foundation we’ve laid over the last 10 years; we just don’t see clearly what that will look like.



But we get glimpses every now and then.

“Years ago we had close relationship with a church in Bolivia and I wish someone could visit Edwin there to encourage him and see how he’s doing,” said Vernon, the missions pastor of Northland, the church in Orlando we’re attending.

“Edwin is great,” chimed in his wife, Connie. “He stayed with us for a while.”

“Well, we’re actually planning on being in Bolivia this summer,” Tim responded. “A guy named River Cloure teaches our youth ministry course at a seminary in Cochabamba. He has asked us for years to come down for their annual youth leaders convention but it’s never worked out until this year...so we could get together with Edwin while we’re there.”

“That would be so great,” Vernon and Connie agreed enthusiastically.

That afternoon River popped onto Instant Messenger so we said “Hi” and told him about the morning’s conversation.

“Really?! You’re coming down?!” he asked. “Just yesterday I found out that two of the main speakers I was counting on can’t make it so I’ve been discouraged. But knowing that you two will be here is great!”

A trip to Bolivia is long and expensive, but being able to encourage our valued colleague River and follow up on an important relationship for Northland, while we train and provide resources to youth leaders in Latin America is just the kind of “leveraging existing knowledge and relationships” that we want to be doing.



*Tim & Annette*