



✦ **Our Missionaries to Bolivia: Mario and Iris Morales**

Iris and Mario serve God at the Baptist Seminary of Cochabamba, Bolivia. They work together in leadership development, equipping and enabling young people to discover their gifts and start a journey of service in their communities and local churches. At the seminary, Mario teaches philosophy, religion and contemporary

theology and Iris teaches psychology and pastoral care.

Most of the seminary students are indigenous Quechua and Aymara. These leaders-in-training are from rural villages and share a cosmological world view in which wisdom, personal relationships, and helping one's community are important values. Iris and Mario place great importance on building strong relationships with their students, and on modeling the love of Jesus Christ through what they call Evangel-Discipleship. They accept the challenge of building bridges between the cosmological and Western viewpoints. "We believe that God's love, and the living water that is Jesus Christ, can transcend these differences," says Mario.

Iris and Mario have two sons, Mario Joshua and Seth Benjamin, who are very much a part of their family's journey in Bolivia. The Morales family are thankful for your prayers.