

Dear Class of '55,

Thank you very much for your help with the cost of my trip to Bolivia. I had an interesting time and I learned a lot about myself, other cultures, and Spanish. I learned a lot about being on my own and living with another family that speaks a different language. It really helped my Spanish to be immersed in a family that spoke Spanish. I definitely learned a lot about the culture and history of Bolivia. I had no idea how sad a country it was. So many things were and are taken away from this country, it is ridiculous. Plus, I also learned about the government and how Evo Morales isn't exactly the best president because he only really cares about a certain group of indigenous people.

It was quite the experience being without anyone really close to me for such a long time. I learned a great deal about relying on myself and staying strong in troubled times. I learned about getting along with other people who have grown up in completely different circumstances than me. It was so interesting to observe the way of life there and how different it is.

My favorite part of the trip was when a group of us took our own time to schedule our own trip to Chapare. Chapare is a tropical region and it's absolutely beautiful. We met a really cool tour guide who helped us through the trip and we also went white water rafting with him. That was awesome! However, I would have to say the best part by far was when we went to Machu Picchu. It was absolutely amazing. Breathtaking. I am so glad I got the chance to discover how other people live and develop my Spanish speaking skills.

Thank you again; I really appreciate your help.

Sincerely,
Sarah Vittetoe