



# FOOD SECURITY PROJECT: POTATOES FOR BOLIVIAN FAMILIES IN THE ALTIPLANO

Very early on Saturday, April 22, 2023, we went to distribute potatoes. All this with the purpose of helping families who were affected by the drought.

The potatoes were first distributed in the community Kasa Achuta, in the municipality Tiwanaku, which is on the way to Lake Titicaca and two hours far from the city La Paz. Then the distribution was done in the community Isquillani, in the municipality Peñas, which is two and a half hours from the city and on the opposite side of Tiwanaku. Isquillani is a community that is located very close to the snow-capped mountains of the Andes.

During the morning we, six volunteers and sister Emma, traveled to the municipality Tiwanaku in a rented truck. We took 2000 pounds of potatoes. Upon arriving at the place, the people of the community welcome us kindly together with their native leader. After unloading the huge bags of potatoes, we had a moment of prayer to thank God for all His blessings. And then we proceeded to call each representative of the 20 families in order to give them the potatoes. We called name by name as each family was getting 100 pounds of potatoes. Also a photograph was taken to each family by sister Beatriz.

About noon we returned from Tiwanaku to the city of La Paz and took public transportation to the municipality of Peñas. We arrived at the community Isquillani at 3:00 p.m. We had the same amount of 2000 pounds of potatoes for the families in this community. Upon arrival, the community members shared a traditional meal with us. After eating such delicious food, we started delivering the potatoes with the help of the leaders of the community and of the local people. For a good organization of distribution, three representatives of the families were called on in order to receive 100 of potatoes. A photograph was taken of each family with their potatoes.

In the community Isquillani at the end of distributing the potatoes to the 20 families, miraculously, thanks to God, there were left over 375 pounds of potatoes, which were given to four more families in the community. After distributing everything, we departed seeing grateful faces of younger and older ones in the community.

In both communities that we visited for delivering the potatoes, we received many blessings from each family and a great handshake when we said goodbye to them.

For me it was very exciting to be able to be part of this activity for helping the families in the community Kasa Achuta and in the community Isquillani. And it was fun sharing the work with other volunteers, too. We were exhausted by the end of the day, but we were all very happy after this delivery of potatoes.

This experience was very moving, seeing the needs of each family that were affected by the drought. It was wonderful to see how each family received the potatoes and carried them to their home so cheerfully.

We received love from each of these families to whom we will never forget!!!

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Local people in the community Isquillani



Families in the community Kasa Achuta



Gregorio Vargas - Isquillani



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