

## Bolivia Water Project

In 2013 a delegation from the Montana Synod was invited to Bolivia to deepen our partnership in the Gospel, and, upon their request, to bring a cattle expert to help increase productivity on their Church-owned farm. All proceeds from the farm go to help at-risk children in the city of Cobija, where children are regularly used to ferry drugs across the border to Brazil, and frequently killed. In response to their request, James R. Dickey, PhD/Assoc. Prof. Animal Science, Retired from Bozeman, Montana, was a part of the 6-person team that also included Bishop Crist, Coleen Walker-Nelson, Pastor Steve Schmidt, Pastor Bob Nelson and Tom Waldorf.

After visiting the farm, and in cooperation with farm manager and the Iglesia Evangelica Luterana de Bolivia (The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Bolivia), the recommendation was to provide the cattle with access to adequate and clean water. For this to be accomplished, a well and pump would have to be purchased and installed for an estimated cost of \$10,000.

In 2015 the Montana Synod council designated the offering for the Synod Assembly to the Bolivia Water project. With that offering and gifts from several of the congregations and ministries in the Montana Synod, we were able to send the Lutheran church in Bolivia a check for \$13,000 to fund the project.

Thank you to everyone who took part in this opportunity to *Serve the world*.



In Christ,

Jason Asselstine, Associate to the Bishop