



## The Cities of North Potosi

The cities of North Potosi were once wealthy mining towns, attracting fortune seekers from all over the world. Now that the mines are all but exhausted, the towns are poor and isolated in their high altitude valleys. Even so, they bustle with the activity of people trying to make a living in any possible way. In the market town of Llallagua, where we stayed, people sell their wares from shops and sidewalk stalls up and down a long winding street. In Uncia, where we worked during the day, people come and go from their work in the mines and fields. In the warm evenings, groups sit in coffee shops and on benches in the square and talk of their day.

The cities of North Potosi are a study in the art of maintaining dignity and relationships in the face of poverty.

### **This month please pray for:**

- Open hearts for the Gospel where so much of the day is spent putting food on the table, often under dangerous conditions in the mines.
- Strong leadership for the local churches. Isolation and poverty make it difficult to attract and retain leaders.
- Economic opportunities to improve quality of life for the local people.