

Teaching in Bolivia—Is This For You?

School: The *Villa Nueva School* (also called *Centro Educativo Menonita*) is a school for Low-German-speaking families in the Pailón, Bolivia area. It is a joint venture supported by EBMC and EMMC but run by a local board and with an interdenominational and interracial staff.

Vision: To equip the Low-German-speaking Mennonite people in Bolivia, so they can better serve God and people.

Mission: To provide a high-quality, Christ-centred, culturally-sensitive education from Kindergarten through grade 12.

Location: Our campus is located in “Villa Nueva”, a small—but growing—Mennonite community just north of the town of Pailón, approx. 50 km east of Santa Cruz.

School year: February through November, which is the normal Bolivian school year. (Teachers should be available for sufficient time before and after the school year as well.)

Languages: Spanish (primary language of instruction); Low German (mother tongue of most students—used in some classes, including Low German literacy); and English (third language)

Students: For 2019 we have 180 students registered from Kindergarten to Grade 12, mostly coming from families who have moved out of ultra-traditionalist Mennonite colonies, as well as Bolivian, Spanish speaking students from the surrounding area.

Staff: For 2019 we have 21 educational staff from Bolivia and North America.

Requirements of our Teachers:

- Vibrant relationship with Jesus Christ;
- Proficiency in the language(s) and subject(s) which he/she will be teaching;
- Genuine love for students of various ages;
- Responsible, flexible, and willing to work well with others as part of a multicultural and multilingual team of teachers;
- Respect for Mennonite/Anabaptist faith and Low German culture;
- Teacher training and/or experience definitely an asset;

- Knowledge of Low German and/or Spanish very helpful.
- Commitment of at least 1 school year.

Position(s) Available:

- We are looking for at least one individual to teach *English* (as a Foreign Language) at various grade and age levels.
- North American teachers need to come financially supported.

Please forward any inquiries to your local church’s missions representative, to the EMMC Home Office, and/or directly to Nancy Friesen (School Board Member).

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