Child Family Health International

TARIJA, BOLIVIA

COLIN YOST ‘19
Work Experience - Clinical

- **Schedule:** Approximately 8:00am – 12:00pm weekdays with two weeks at four rotations (can be adjusted to student interest)

- **Locations:**
  - El Hospital San Juan de Dios *(Tertiary Level)*
  - El Centro de Salud de San Andrés *(Rural Primary Care)*
  - La Plataforma de Chagas *(Chagas-specific clinic)*
  - La Clinica Nestor Paz Zamora *(General Primary Care)*

- **Responsibilities:**
  Shadow physicians across a range of specialties *(entirely in Spanish)*
Work Experience - Clinical

Left: Dr. Noemi and the two of us from Princeton in San Andrés

Right: Post-observing reconstructive surgery in the burn unit
Work Experience - Volunteer

- **Schedule:** Approximately 3:00pm – 5:30pm Monday, Wednesday, Friday

- **Locations:** “Education and Future” (Edyfu); an organization providing support to local children
  - Edyfu offers a range of support services from afternoon care to permanent housing

- **Responsibilities:** Assist the teacher employed by Edyfu to work with students day
  - Tutor students from grades K-6 in math & language skills
  - Organize one large-scale educational activity
Work Experience - Volunteer

Various students from Edyfu, the local children’s center
Weekend Expeditions

- Late afternoons/weekends almost always **free time**

- Bolivia has many **diverse climates** filled with magnificent natural wonders

- Program directors very open to long **weekend trips** if requested

- Trips taken:
  - **El Salar de Uyuni** *(World’s Largest Salt Flats)*
    5 days in total, 2 days of travel
  - **El Valle de Los Cóndores** *(Hiking/Camping Trip)*
    3 days in total
Weekend Expeditions

El Salar de Uyuni (left); El Valle de los Cóndores (Right)
Internship Impact

- More nuanced perspective on health and culture in South/Latin America

- Drastic improvement in Spanish speaking and listening skills

- Lifelong friendships and host family relationships

- Greater understanding of how to be a global citizen

- Newfound passion to travel to Spanish-speaking countries

(from left) My 2 host siblings, myself, & the other Princeton interns