

Unidad Educativa Técnica e
Industrial de Richard Gates

BOLIVIA

Industrial School

RICHARD GATES

a project in True Education under the
auspices of Gospel Ministries
International (501-C3).

How you can be

First of all, speak and live the principles of true education as found in the inspired writings! Next pray for us and for all of God's schools, including those that have lost the vision but are still "prisoners of hope" (FE 290.1) Beyond that, if you want to become directly involved in our project, you can contribute financially with tax-deductible donations at the Gospel Ministry International website:

part of what we do:

www.gospelministry.org/donations

or contact the GMI offices directly:

CALL 423-473-1841 (U.S.)

Or better still, **be a volunteer!** Fill out an application on the GMI website:

www.gospelministry.org/volunteer/

Note that you are applying for the Bolivian Industrial School, Guayaramerin, Bolivia. You can also contact us directly at:

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or call **591-72139840 (Bolivia)**

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A group of committed volunteer educators, some by profession, but all by the conversion and the grace of God, who, understanding that the greatest want of the world is that of men and women "who will not be bought or sold..." see the need for a much broader scope and higher aim in education (Ed 1,57). We are committed to following the guidance on education in the Scriptures and the Spirit of Prophecy and to teaching and upholding the special message of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Who are we?



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WHAT IS IT ALL ABOUT?

Bolivian Industrial School (BIS, or *Unidad Educativa Tecnica Industrial Richard Gates*) is a boarding academy and non-boarding primary school located near Guayaramerin in the department of Beni in northeastern Bolivia, South America. Our ultimate goal is to inspire and train young people to become consecrated, fulltime missionaries, dedicated to proclaiming the three-angels' messages, God's last warning to a dying world. For this purpose we strive to provide:



Bible-based Instruction

We believe that God is the source of all true knowledge and development, and that He has revealed Himself to us in His book, the Bible. Therefore, the Bible is the best textbook in existence and we endeavor to make it the foundation of all instruction. In addition to adjusting the standard curriculum to reflect this goal, we also try to provide systematic instruction in doctrine, prophecy, sacred history, music, and practical spirituality. Our students come from a variety of backgrounds, yet most of them arrive with a very limited knowledge of the scriptures. We try to promote an atmosphere that awakens interest in spiritual themes, and every year we are amazed by the students' resulting growth in all aspects of their lives.

Banana and plantain grove



Mission Service

Christ's life was ever one of giving, and we believe that "the privilege of fellowship with Christ in service" is "the only training that imparts a fitness for participation with Him in His glory" and that it "gives strength and nobility of character." (Ed 264). Service for others takes our minds off of ourselves and infuses us with enthusiasm and joy that banishes much discouragement, rebellion, and temptation. One way we try to foster a spirit of service is through a weekly service day. Projects have included helping neighbors harvest rice, caring for the sick with simple natural remedies, colportueing and giving Bible studies, and building houses for the elderly. Sabbath afternoons are dedicated to visiting our neighbors in the nearby community of Yata. In addition to weekly service days, each year there is at least one mission trip. Students have visited villages along jungle rivers, distributed bibles and done health expositions in the Andes, and assisted orphanages and done children's programs near Santa Cruz. Many of our graduates have decided to serve in mission projects throughout Bolivia and abroad. Others are preparing to be mechanics, pilots, doctors, nurses, teachers, and pastors. There is nothing more exciting than seeing lives (including our own!) transformed through Christ's lessons of service!

Education in Practical, Manual Labor

We recognize that real learning takes place in doing. Much of Christ's life on earth consisted of manual labor in the carpenter shop. Paul made tents to support himself in his mission endeavors, and Elisha and his students went lumberjacking and built their own new school. One realizes that useful physical labor often makes the difference between success and failure in the mission field: not only is it practical and economical, it also teaches life skills like responsibility, diligence, problem solving, teamwork, humility, and trust in God. In short, it is "part of God's great plan for our recovery from the Fall" (Ed 214).

B.I.S has over 100 acres, much of which is still undeveloped. There are about 10 acres of hand-cultivated rice, plantain, cassava and other crops, giving students the very real opportunity to enjoy the fruit of their labors and helping to offset operating costs. Better yet, when teachers work alongside their students, they win a special measure of influence. Often there are opportunities for one-on-one conversations about the deeper issues of life that can't take place in the traditional classroom.