



PROFILE & NEWSLETTER



One day after playing soccer, I went to rest when suddenly a pastor appeared who talked to me about Jesus. I did not accept Jesus as Saviour in that moment because I wanted to be certain about what I was getting into. The pastor invited me to his church. I was very fearful going to the church, that they would not accept me as I was. However, it was not like I thought, just the opposite. I put one foot in the church and everyone hugged me saying, "Welcome brother!" So began my Christian walk. I made a commitment to the Lord when I was 17 and was baptised at 18. I became very involved in the church and was made president of the young people's society. In the years following I served 1 year of compulsory military service where I learned to drink, steal, lie and

used my musical talents to serve the world. After completing my service, I tried to return to my church but it was not the same. I stopped going and moved out of home, where I drank everyday and had to sell my possessions just to eat and buy more alcohol. However, there was always a voice in my head saying, "Repent, repent!" Still, I was alone, like any other street vagabond, and decided to take my own life. Though I tried, something always interrupted me or saved me. During this time there was one Christian friend at my side. He was committed to going to Cochabamba to study at the Baptist Seminary and asked me to come with him. I had nothing to lose and no other options so I followed him. I did not want to be a pastor, I just did not want to be separated from my friend. At the seminary many surrounded me and encouraged me to enter ministry. I noticed a great difference in the lives of the students. They did not judge me. I thought I would never bow again before God, but all of this made me fall to my knees before the Lord and ask him like never before to forgive me. In the same place I had a vision like Moses's vision in the Old Testament and woke up with a great peace. I have been studying now for 2 years at the seminary and I have a passion to be a Pastor and serve the Church.

The Baptist Seminary



The Baptist seminary was established by the Canadian Baptists. The seminary has 68 students and offers courses at diploma, degree and masters level. It is the main Baptist College in Bolivia and serves as a centre for other smaller satellite colleges in other cities in Bolivia. The



passion of the director is for students to return to country areas and serve in churches there. The

Baptist Seminary only offers classes in the evening so their full time students can work in the day! Pablo is sponsored by a Bible Study in Sydney. **It costs just \$65 a month to sponsor a student like Pablo.** Pablo presently serves as youth pastor and worship leader at "Cristo Viene Puntiti" Baptist. He was the first student to be offered a **Roots Association Theological Scholarship.**



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