



Returning to the home land!

What kinds of things make a return to where you have spent a good portion of life interesting?

Sights, smells, traffic, a different type of confusion, but mostly the people we've spent much time with these past years.

Not the first thing but close is an invite to someone's house for your first return Bolivia meal.

I'm not sure but pretty much everything is about food, right? It becomes a fun time with Bolivian people who love having you back and hearing how life is on the other side of the world.

This particular meal was full of laughter and stories, the kind of laughter that is good for the soul and makes your food cold.

One by one we told stories of when we first came to Bolivia and how it seemed so hard to learn language and communicate anything. If you are a person who loves to visit and talk it was hard because you lacked the words to get a simple idea across.

Smiles and hand jesters were a big way to communicate most things and our dear Bolivian friends would smile and enjoy our effort to say something that didn't come out just right.

For the most part I only knew two words fairly well when I went to Bolivia, thank you - gracious and bathroom - baño? Did you know the word for baño is also the word for frosting on a cake?

My wife sent me to a small store to get three things: sugar, soap and bread. The word for soap is jabon, the word for ham is jamon. They both sound nearly the same and look the same but completely two different things. You guessed it I forgot the bread and I had to give the sugar back because I lacked money to pay for the ham. At least I told my wife I brought home the bacon.

It seems to be a bit difficult learning new things, but as we shared these funny stories with our hosts, they laughed so hard their food got cold.

Tell me God didn't invent humor!

God bless you all this week as you spread a little humor around and brighten someone's day!

Bruce from the new room