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Child Family Health International (CFHI)
Bolivia
Work Description

- Shadowed doctors in different rotations at a children's hospital in La Paz and multiple locations in Tarija
- 7:30am-12pm: worked at the hospital observing doctors, asking questions, and helping with patient care
- 3-6pm: worked at an orphanage helping the kids with homework and organizing interactive activities for them
- Some Nights: worked in the emergency room with med school students and residents
Hospital Del Nino ~ Doctor Galindo (Surgeon)
Most Rewarding Aspect

- Very profound perspective on the medical situation in Bolivia and Latino America in general
- I learned so much about the healthcare system—its many positive aspects as well as its shortcomings—and the importance of the work many doctors in Bolivia do despite the lack of resources
- I truly developed a love for the people and immense respect for the medical profession in developing countries like Bolivia
Two of our girls from the Orphanage
Although my involvement in the medical proceedings was limited, I felt my constant engagement and eagerness to help allowed me to be as important to the hospital as the medical students I learned with.

I especially felt an impact on the kids at the orphanage who loved having older sister and brother figures help and support them.
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Although I absolutely loved all the medical aspects I was exposed to, the internship actually solidified my love for research and neuroscience—I spent two weeks working in a Chagas lab and three weeks shadowing a neurologist.

So instead of becoming a doctor I now want to go into Neuroscience research.
Overall

- I feel 100% satisfied with the internship and all I gained from it.
- I met incredibly inspiring professionals and lifelong friends I will never forget.
- This experience set me in the right direction, in terms of my future career, and left me with a real understanding of Bolivian culture and beauty.
- I can’t wait to go back!!