SHARE with the Lord’s people who are in need. Practice hospitality.

—Romans 12:13 (NIV)
Dear Congregational Leader,

Families in the mountainous regions of Bolivia where Outreach International works have many things in common: Strong winds that sweep down the rocky hillsides, lack of access to adequate water during the dry season, and diminished crop yields because of the extreme heat and cold. It is their concern for their children's health, however, that has caused communities to prioritize building greenhouses next to their homes to improve nourishment for their children.

Ordinary family diets are based on carbohydrates (primarily potatoes, wheat and barley), which can lead to gastrointestinal problems when not supplemented with other fibers and nutrients. While vegetables like carrots and onions are sometimes purchased at markets, high costs reduce available funds for other needs, and a lack of available storage options can lead to spoiled produce and wasted money. To change their eating habits without incurring additional expenses, community groups have implemented workshops and visited neighboring community greenhouses to learn about the health benefits and best growing practices of vegetables such as broccoli, tomatoes, cauliflower, lettuces, etc.

Doña Bibiana Quispe, mother of five, said, “Most of the people who live in this community do not have a place to grow vegetables; all year round we buy vegetables from the market. At the market, we don’t know if the vegetables are irrigated with clean water or if they are fumigated with chemicals. If we had a place to grow vegetables, it would be natural.”

Quintina Rojas, mother of eight, shared, “We are learning to solve the concerns in the community ourselves and have results. Now my dream is to have fresh vegetables at home and be healthy, “

While boxing up your garden and sending it to remote regions of the world isn’t practical, each gift shared with the world’s poor provides an opportunity to practice hospitality. This gives beneficiaries, in turn, an opportunity to bless others by sharing their experience, creating a long-term cycle of good that ripples beyond one community, country, and generation.

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