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Global Links sent its 10<sup>th</sup> container of the year to Bolivia. This container will benefit the 90-bed Maternity Hospital in Trinidad, the capital city of the northern department of Beni, which has a population of 86,000 people. The hospital performs pediatric general surgery and neurosurgery and we were able to include some of the specialized neurosurgery materials the hospital staff requested – a testament to the wide variety of materials that Global Links is able to offer.

Nonetheless, as is often the case in Bolivia (one of the very poorest countries in this hemisphere), their top requests were for basic furnishings: beds, mattresses, bedside stands, cribs, metal storage cabinets for exam rooms, patient room chairs, wheelchairs, overbed tables and gynecological exam tables. Fortunately, Global Links was able to include materials to help address each of these prioritized needs. The container included 20 beds with mattresses, 20 matching bedside stands, and 20 overbed tables. We were also able to include 2 cribs, 4 gynecological exam tables, 5 storage cabinets for exam rooms, 5 high backed patient room chairs, 3 wheelchairs, 5 office desks with chairs and many other useful furnishings. The container also included over 275 boxes of assorted disposable materials.

In addition to the 275 boxes of materials packed by Global Links, this shipment also included 42 boxes of new Standard Textile linens (bedspreads, sheets, baby blankets and shirts, patient gowns, and towels). Given the great need for linens in most of the hospitals we ship to, we were glad we could include so many new linens in this shipment.