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## **Bolivia** Net Fishing

Huacareta, Bolivia, is a mini paradise situated in a canyon between two small mountain ranges. The Rio Parapeti runs past on the western side of the town.

As long as there are no cold fronts, called *surazos*, coming from the south, winter days in Huacareta are reasonably warm, but the nights dip below freezing. This photo was taken at the end of July, just past the middle of winter, and the water is very cold.

This was the first full day of my site visit. Fishing season had passed, but my working companion's son and nephew still managed to catch one fish with their net. They gave me the fish for dinner, fried with lemon juice. It was delicious.

--B. Pat Murray, *Peace Corps/Bolivia, 2002-04*

### **Bolivia (Republic of Bolivia)**

**Capital** La Paz

**Population** 9,775,246 (2009 est.)

**Life Expectancy** 64.2 years

**Literacy** 86.7% (age 15 and over can read and write)

**Languages** Spanish 60.7%, Quechua 21.2%, Aymara 14.6%

**Religions** Roman Catholic 95%, Protestant 5%

**Government** republic, a "Social Unitarian State"

Source: *The World Factbook, 2009*



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