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An amazing story from the religious colony
that made headlines around the world

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This is an extraordinary voyage across a frontier drawn up by religious leaders. Bolivia, in the heart of South America, is the last refuge of the most inaccessible and inward-looking Mennonite society in the world. More than 80,000 people, of Central European descent, live under the rule of a group of bishops whose only law is their own interpretation of the Bible.

For more than four centuries, the Mennonites moved from one country to another in search of a place where nobody could question their way of life; especially regarding the education of their children. When they reached Southern Bolivia in 1954, and founded 58 colonies, it seemed their quest had come to an end.

But in 2009, a terrible incident uncovered the biggest known scandal of their history. A group of Mennonite men was accused of the rape of at least sixty women and girls in the Manitoba colony. For the very first time, a film crew has gained unprecedented access to this colony, where all is not as it seems.

