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Newsletter from Bolivia

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Greetings from Tim & Kallie

Thanks for checking out our first newsletter. As we embark on our new roles as Global Field Staff with CBM, we are excited to use this newsletter as a means to keep you updated about developments with our projects and partners within Bolivia, as well as our own personal progress. If you would like to receive future updates, you can subscribe to our newsletter at timandkallie.com



Meetings, Meetings, Meetings...

Since returning to Bolivia, a big part of our time has been devoted to meetings. Lots of meetings. We've had official one-on-one meetings with different members of the various partner organizations we work with to introduce ourselves in our new positions and also to listen to their vision, concerns, and hopes for the future.

We've attended several partner meetings to listen and work with them to find the most effective way they can structure themselves, and also how to align our missions together to best distribute responsibility moving forward. Finally, project proposal writing meetings have allowed us to listen to the objectives of our partners and help them to better communicate these goals in a formal process.



The term "meeting" often has a negative stigma but what they've been providing us as new Field Staff is an opportunity to listen, reflect and ask questions. Right now we feel those actions are some of the most important we can take.

Library

Tim helps oversee one K-12 school and two seminary libraries. All three libraries are currently focused on both meeting accreditation standards and pushing themselves beyond strictly thinking about day-to-day operations — exciting times.



Julieta, the Baptist Seminary Librarian

Just prior to our return to Canada this summer, Tim was able to purchase an entirely new online catalog system on behalf of the Baptist Seminary based on an evaluation of the



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school's needs. This new catalog has significant benefits for both overall collection management and in improving information access for students and pastors. First however, over 10 thousand books must be manually entered. As daunting as this is, our small library team continues to get motivation each time we look at the print card-catalog currently in use.

Learn the Lingo

We often talk about working alongside Bolivian partners and while the term "partners" is vague, simply throwing a bunch of names and acronyms at you is not much more helpful. So over the next few newsletters we are going to highlight a different CBM partner organization in hopes of giving you clearer insight into who it is we're working with down here.



**Unión
Bautista
Boliviana**

The Unión Bautista Boliviana (**UBB**) or Bolivian Baptist Union is the organization that oversees the Baptist denomination, and by extension its churches, within Bolivia. The UBB was founded in 1936 with assistance from Canadian Baptists; however, since its founding, the denomination has been autonomous and able to freely follow the direction its Bolivian churches have felt the Spirit leading them.

According to its stated vision, the UBB has "a *comprehensive commitment to integral mission that promotes the transformation of people, communities and society towards Christ-centered values and principles.*" As a partner organization, this aligns perfectly with CBM's stated mission of "*partnering with local*

churches around the world to bring hope, healing and reconciliation through word and deed." Both the terms **integral mission** and **word and deed** imply that our objective is not simply to address spiritual or social poverty but both in a cohesive approach. By supporting the UBB, CBM is directly supporting local Bolivian churches and able to empower them to take on integral mission initiatives that bring hope, healing and reconciliation throughout each of their communities.

Merry Christmas,
Tim & Kallie

Prayer Requests

- Pray for us and our partners as we enter a time of project submissions and approvals for the New Year.
- Pray for the Baptist Seminary and its library as it implements a new catalog system.
- Pray for us as we settle back into life in Bolivia and begin to approach things with a long-term perspective.

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