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Newsletter from Bolivia

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Greetings from Tim & Kallie

As Canada and the rest of the northern hemisphere ease into summer, Bolivia is moving into its winter season. Of course we use the term 'winter' quite liberally in comparison to what Canadians are used to, but due to the high altitude and a lack of indoor heating/insulation, it can actually get quite cold. It's typical for us to bundle up and then shed layers several times a day depending on inside/outside, daytime/nighttime.



Like a Rolling Stone

Over the last two months we've been on the road, getting to know other regions better, and working to build closer relationships with distant partners.

We've visited five separate departments (provinces) in this time and it's been both encouraging and eye-opening to listen to different regional reps and leaders discuss the potential challenges and opportunities they see ahead of themselves.

We've also been able to offer a number of workshops to churches and women's groups, introducing them to the theme of Integral Mission. This includes a dual objective of providing a theological basis for IM, along with practical skills to enabling communities to

begin responding to identified social concerns in tangible ways that serve the needs of those outside their walls. Most importantly, it starts a conversation that hopefully leads to further exploration and collective innovation.



Workshop in the Southern City of Bermejo

Inspiring Women

Through our work, we are constantly inspired and encouraged by people who, motivated by God's love, are changing their neighbourhoods. Two such people are Claudia and Daniella.



Daniella and Claudia

These university students noticed that many children in their community were being left alone while their parents traveled to other regions for work. Moved by compassion, these incredible ladies have started a program based out of their church which offers kids a safe place to get educational assistance, be fed, and be mentored and supported by people who care. They now help 70+ kids a week.



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Learn the Lingo

With the founding of the Bolivian Baptist Union in 1936, it became apparent that there was a growing need for more formal pastoral training nationally. The church was growing in Bolivia, as was the demand for evangelical pastors and stronger academic and leadership training. This led to the official founding of the Seminario Teológico Bautista (STB) or Baptist Theological Seminary in 1941. Originally housed where today CBM still has its office in Cochabamba, the STB has since acquired its own campus and also runs satellite colleges in three other Bolivian cities.



Baptist Theological Seminary, Cochabamba

The STB's highest level of education is a five year degree in theology. The first four years are lecture based and focus on equipping students around leadership, pastoring, education, and theology. The fifth year is dedicated to writing a thesis paper, which is standard for most undergrad degrees in Bolivia.

The STB also offers 1 and 3 year diploma programs which provide students with a basic formation in the same themes mentioned above. Additionally, the school provides continuing leadership and professional development workshops and courses to

pastors and lay leaders nationally. Thus, the STB faculty are regularly traveling to support the continuing growth of churches throughout Bolivia.

CBM is proud to have walked alongside the STB for decades, and as the school celebrates its 75th anniversary this year, we look forward to continuing to support them as they seek to fulfill their mission:

The training of servant pastors, men and women, competent and contextualized, to assist in building healthy churches and Christian institutions, and who are committed to the cause of the kingdom of God.

Blessings,
Tim & Kallie

Prayer Requests

- Pray for the Seminary as it serves one of its largest first-year classes in years.
- Pray for Daniella & Claudia as they juggle their ministry, school, and personal lives.
- Pray for wisdom and cultural intelligence for us as we collaborate cross-culturally.

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