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Newsletter from Bolivia

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Church Visit

Greetings from Tim & Kallie

Hello from the rainy season in Bolivia. The green, lush mountains surrounding us are a wonderful trade-off for the hour or so of rain we get each day this time of year.

After more than two years in Bolivia we continue to learn new things about the culture. For example, when your pastor asks if he can do a church visit to your house, he doesn't mean himself and a couple church leaders, he means you will be squeezing about 30 people into your living room! Another entertaining experience to add to our growing bank.



El Alto Youth Camp

For churches across Bolivia, the long weekend of Carnival is synonymous with youth camp. This February we were invited to be speakers at the youth camp for the city of El Alto. Running workshops and chapels in Spanish for a group of 130 youth (ranging in age from 13 to 25) was a rather daunting task at first, but as stretching as it was, we had an incredible

time that we won't soon forget. Kallie even preached her first sermon in Spanish.

To read more about the camp and to see some pictures, visit the blog on our website at timandkallie.com



Tug of War at Youth Camp

Bibliotecas

In Bolivia the post-secondary school year starts in mid-February, so there is an air of excitement and anxiety amongst students right now. Tim works at two different seminary libraries in Cochabamba and both institutions frequently struggle with very similar challenges. Often times solving an issue is as simple as looking into what the other school is doing.

At the U.C.E. seminary they have recently hired a new student-librarian in January to oversee regular operations. This has kept Tim busy providing training and helping the library implement further best practices and procedures.



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Learn the Lingo

Organización Bautista de Desarrollo Social (**OBADES**) or *Baptist Social Development Organization* is one of CBM's major partners in Bolivia. Our last newsletter discussed the Unión Bautista Boliviana, and OBADES serves as the UBB's social development arm.



The organization helps churches put their faith into action by connecting their experienced professional development staff with local church volunteers, to collaboratively implement meaningful projects that address needs within the context of specific communities. OBADES serves prison and working children, promotes local economic development, healthcare, food security, women's initiatives, and responsible environmental practices. Central in each of their diverse programs is a commitment to generating sustainable community development.

In 2015, CBM assisted OBADES in launching a new project called *integral mission initiatives* (IMI). IMI encourages churches to reflect on social issues within their communities and submit proposals for related projects that they would like to launch or expand. These projects are administrated by church volunteers but OBADES, together with CBM, come alongside them by providing professional training, technical support, and consulting. IMI also provides funding to cover resource and logistic costs with the intention of enabling the churches to sustainably self-finance the initiatives within a few years.

What stands out most with OBADES is the expertise and level of professional prowess each of their staff bring to the organization. Their team is made up of well-educated administrators, phycologists, and agronomists; some with experience working for other international NGOs, and others fluent in local indigenous languages. They have an intimate understanding of the context they serve that goes far beyond the most insightful textbook.

Blessings,
Tim & Kallie

Prayer Requests

- Pray for OBADES as they seek to hire a new director this March.
- Pray for students and staff who begin a new school year in mid-February.
- Pray for us as we prepare to travel Bolivia extensively over the new few months.

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