



Greetings from Tim & Kallie

Building cross-cultural relationships can be a long and awkward process, especially when first languages are different. One thing we've learned is that everyone speaks the language of food. A creative way Kallie has been able to connect and bond with Bolivian women is through baking. Every couple of weeks, she has a few ladies over and teaches them how to make different desserts. This week: Cinnamon buns!



Women's Health

A few months ago we blogged about a feminine pad initiative we did as a pilot with girls at some of CBM's vulnerable youth projects. One of our supporting churches in Canada sewed several washable pad packs that we then distributed to a group of teens, and this initiative has proven to be a quite impactful. It saves their families a significant amount of money and the girls found them more comfortable and usable than store-bought sanitary napkins. It wasn't long before we had a list of mothers requesting packs for themselves as well.

Many times our projects focus on youth and children, but the hope is always to impact the whole family. Working with mothers around

feminine health and hygiene has been a great opportunity to do just that. This past month, after receiving another shipment of pad packs, we met with all of the interested mothers and trained them on how to use and care for their new washable pads.



Couch Surfing

One of our favourite hobbies is having strangers stay with us ☺ We recently hosted a girl from Mexico traveling through and found it really refreshing to hear her take on Bolivia, insight into her country, and simply get to know someone new. We've been hosted by people in several different countries and also by many of you across Canada, so it always feels great to pay it forward.



Hebrews 13:2

If you ever find yourself looking for a bed in Cochabamba, consider this your invitation.



Learn the Lingo

The Femenil, the women's chapter of the Bolivian Baptist Union, works to mobilize women across the country to know and serve God. Members of the Baptist World Alliance's Latin American Branch, the Femenil provides spiritual development for women, highlights the contributions women make to the church body, and engages women in social justice ministries.

Femenil groups function at the local church, provincial, and national level and in this way are able to have regional as well as countrywide impact. Groups meet weekly for Bible studies in order to grow together in their faith, but also undertake various social projects which serve their congregations and communities.



Femenil Meeting & Bible Study

In Bolivian churches, it is often the responsibility of these women's groups to raise and distribute the benevolent fund to those in need in the community. Consequently, these women are often most aware of the suffering and marginalized, and in turn mobilizing the



church to act on their behalf. For instance, one of CBM's most well know project, Casa de la Amistad, which works with prison children, started as an initiative of the Cochabamba Femenil chapter.

Blessings,
Tim & Kallie

Prayer Requests

- Pray for Bolivian women who, despite significant challenges, continue to encourage, empower and inspire those around them.
- Pray for the Femenil as they show leadership and influence the direction of their churches.
- Pray for us as we endeavor to support women focused ministries, specifically economic initiatives and workshops around violence.

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