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# Newsletter from Bolivia

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## Kallie's Kitchen

Youth from CBM's Jireh project recently got a break from their routine when Kallie ran baking workshops with them. Jireh supports vulnerable kids out of a local church who are often connected through social services. The project focuses on providing academic, health, nutritional, and spiritual support holistically.



Baking together was a fun way to provide life skills for teenagers. They went over recipe layouts, chemistry of ingredients, fractions for a larger batch, and then set to making simple (but classy) biscotti cookies. It was great to see them get into it by quizzing each other on each of the steps and every small technical details.

## New Starts at the Seminary

This past February the Baptist Seminary held its inauguration celebration, launching a new academic year for its students. Here the school year runs from February to November with December – January serving as summer break. Students from first to fifth year (a full degree is 5 years) gathered to officially launch the 2018 academic year with special attention given to first year students.

New students are each presented and “pinned” by faculty with a button featuring the institution’s seal. Over the last few years enrolment has been slowly grown; although



financial and geographical challenges still serve as obstacles for some students. It was great to participate in this event and we look forward to witnessing growth and transformation within these leaders over the coming months and years.

## New Colleague on the Block

We are excited to welcome Samuel Callapa on as the new national coordinator for the Integral Mission Initiatives project. He will be working with active churches throughout Bolivia who are striving to bring Good News to their local communities through word and deed. This involves targeting specific issues within their context and serving in practical ways that bring God’s light into the dark areas of our world.



A recent grad from the Bolivian Baptist Seminary, Samuel wrote his thesis on integral mission theology and practice within Bolivia (which Kallie sat on the defence panel for). He also has degrees in Education and Philosophy. We’re looking forward to working and traveling with Samuel as he brings new energy and insight to this initiative.



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## Did We Mention the Convention?

The Baptist Union's national convention recently took place at the end of March. This annual event brought together well over 300 pastors, deacons, and institutional leaders from across Bolivia. There was time for formal reports and reflection on 2017, as well as breakout workshops, inspiring worship with special music and challenging teaching.



The two of us supported the Director of OBADES, together putting on three presentations over course of the convention. OBADES is the Bolivian Baptist community development ministry which oversees several of CBM's projects within Bolivia. Together we were able to communicate the organisation's vision, some of the areas in which it works, and the theological basis for the transformational ministry we hope to see national churches engaged in. In particular, we've launched a new "prayer partner" campaign which seeks to get churches and individuals from across the country committed to regular prayer for OBADES's ministries, staff, and beneficiaries.

## Coming to a Church Near You

We will be back in Canada from July to September of 2018 and plan to visit churches from British Columbia to Quebec. The CBM office will be contacting our partnering churches to set up a mutually convenient date for us to speak about our ministry over the past few years. We're looking forward to meeting with you face to face and not only sharing

about God's work in Bolivia but also hearing how He is moving in your communities.

If you have questions about our time in Canada or if you would like to invite us to visit, you can contact the CBM office or email us personally via the contact info below.

**Hope to see you soon,**  
*Tim & Kallie*

## Prayer Requests

- Pray for Bolivian Baptist Churches as they seek to honour God through faith, hope, and love in unity together.
- Pray for Samuel as he settles into his new role as IMI Coordinator and that he is able to form strong relationships, helping to build up churches throughout Bolivia.
- Pray for the Bolivian Baptist Seminary as it begins a new academic school year.
- Pray for us as we prepare to travel to Canada in July. That our time home would be an encouragement to both our partnering churches, as well as ourselves.

## Connect with Us

You can learn more about us and our work in Bolivia by visiting our website at [timandkallie.com](http://timandkallie.com)

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