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Newsletter from Bolivia

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Greetings from Tim & Kallie

As Christmas approaches, its mid-summer here in Bolivia. Just like you, we have events to attend and parties... to party. This year we plan to have a variety of people over to our place on Christmas day who, like us, are short on family.



*Kallie presenting at the
OBADES Christmas Banquet*

Water Shortage

Bolivia has been making international news over the past few months for the drought it has been experiencing—the worst in 25 years. The water shortage is affecting 5 of the 9 provinces representing an estimated 125,000 families, 716,605 acres of agricultural land and 360,000 head of cattle. As the weather shifts into



rainy season, we are starting to experience a bit of relief, but the impact of the drought is far from over.

Cities like La Paz, which have traditionally had good water access, are struggling from both an absence of rain and because the glaciers that have slowly fed their water reserves have melted at a dramatic rate. Short term, rain needs to fall slow and steady so that it soaks in and replenishes the dried out systems. In the long term however, a critical challenge will be planning and implementing strategies for managing water under uncertain climate conditions.

Association Conventions

Over a late November weekend, each region of the UBB denomination holds its annual association convention. This is a time for pastors and leaders within specific departments (provinces) to address regional administration, provide various institutional reports, and fellowship together. It's also preparation for the national convention held in March.

We were invited to join the Oruro Association as guest speakers. This allowed us to speak with and lead the group in an official capacity, but also provided a chance to talk with people one-on-one from throughout Oruro. As it can be hard to get out to every rural town, it was great to connect with lots of new people all at once and hear their stories.



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Learn the Lingo

The Centre for Integral Mission (CMI), located in El Alto, has a national mandate to work with pastors and congregants



as their churches strive to actively live out their faith through both word and action. By offering a variety of workshops and courses, CMI aims to strengthen leaders and change the long held notion that evangelism and social action are separate and distinct missions of the church.

While trainings happen across Bolivia, the physical centre in El Alto is used as a central office, as well as a location to host a local church project from the neighborhood.



Snack time for PEPE kids in CMI

This project, called PEPE, works with preschool aged children of struggling families. PEPE provides a safe place for kids under the age of five to come and learn, while allowing their parents to go to work without having to take their children with them or leave them unattended.

CMI also works in tandem with several other institutions to help support a number of church based projects across the country in a newly launched CBM project called Integral Mission Initiatives.

Blessings to you and yours over this holiday season. Thanks for your partnership throughout 2016.

Merry Christmas,
Tim & Kallie

Prayer Requests

- Pray for lots of rain over a prolonged season, and for wise environmental decision making.
- Pray for the 8 UBB Associations as they seek to serve their specific regions well.
- Pray for us and our families as we spend another Christmas season apart.

Connect with Us

You can learn more about us and our work in Bolivia by visiting our website at timandkallie.com

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