



### Merry Christmas from Bolivia

2018 is coming to a close; time certainly flies! We are preparing for another Christmas without snow (perhaps the only time of year we really miss it). Many of the ministries we're involved in are wrapping up for the year and their service has been a cause for celebration.



### Winding-Up Projects

Casa de la Amistad and Jireh, two of our vulnerable children projects are closing off the year on a high point. Now that all of the kids are out of school for their summer break (southern hemisphere, remember!) they are making the most of their last week by going to camp. Over 200 kids pile into busses and head out of the city for a few days of fun and relaxation.

Upon their return, both projects hold a closing ceremony where they look back over the year and give thanks for all that God has given them. And of course, there's cake...it's not a party in Bolivia without lots of cake!



### Seminary Graduation

The school year is also coming to a close for the seminary here, which runs Feb to Nov. We were encouraged to see more leaders walk the stage this year and celebrate together before heading off into their ministry roles. It was particularly exciting to watch some of the first students that each of us taught graduate.



### IMI Retreat

Our Integral Mission Initiatives project wrapped up the year with a retreat for all of the churches involved. Leaders from eight church based projects country-wide gathered to share about their experiences and learn from one another. A variety of speakers were invited to share about more practical issues such as risk management, nutrition and first aid.



The two of us were also able to teach on the theological basis for these initiatives. Leaders are beginning to recognize that their church body is being disciplined as they obey the call to serve those around them. Our prayer is that as these churches demonstrate Christ's love to their communities, they themselves will grow as committed followers of Jesus.



## Grade 12 Grad Trip

Its tradition here for a graduating class to celebrate by going on a grad trip together. This year we were invited to join the graduating class of Carachipampa Christian School as chaperones, while they took on the tropical city of Santa Cruz. It was great fun spending time with this group of typical teenagers. Between swimming and board games, there was lots of reminiscing about past years and time spent processing their upcoming transition. We felt particularly fortunate to have been requested to join them as a couple and given the opportunity to create more memories with them before their send off.



## Wedding Weekend

Viki and Carlos have been together for thirteen years and have three kids. Through their link with one of CBM's programs, Viki and later Carlos, made a commitment to Christ about two years ago. After Carlos was baptized earlier this year, they decided to make their relationship official and tie the knot. The wedding was a three day event with civil and religious ceremonies, a reception and a house party.



In Bolivia, couples have a practice of asking another couple to be their "godparents" or marriage mentors when they get married. We were honoured to accept and could not be more proud of this special family.

**Merry Christmas,**

*Tim & Kallie*

## Prayer Requests

- Pray that our partners would get some much deserved rest over the holidays so they come back renewed in the New Year.
- Pray for all of the graduates as they enter a new stage of life and face decisions around their futures.
- Pray for us as we spend another Christmas away from family, but in the company of good friends.

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