

December 2017



*“This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us ..... 1 John 4:10-11a*

### Merry Christmas from Bolivia!

#### Cochabamba Pastors Association

The Bolivian Baptist Union (UBB) is organized into 10 regional associations. The UBB office is in Cochabamba which has at times led to pastors serving in more distant areas to feel alone. The UBB is addressing this partially through four regional staff with responsibility to represent UBB’s interest in the regions and also to present regional interests and priorities to the central UBB leadership.

We (Kathleen, Bruno, Bill & Janice) recently participated in the Cochabamba pastor’s monthly association meeting.



We are privileged to be working with dedicated and gifted CBM staff in Bolivia, and with dedicated leaders from our partners who are serving their communities in all parts of the country.

#### Casa Moms group – On Eagles Wings

This past year, the Casa de la Amistad has been working with the mothers of the children in the program. In addition to learning about how to be good parents, these women have been supporting one another as they share the challenges of having to support themselves and their children while their partners are in prison. With the support of CBM, they have sought out opportunities to develop new skills like sewing, baking and hair dressing. We are thankful for those dedicated to supporting this ministry both here and in Canada.



## Latin America 2018

We look forward to supporting a serving and learning trip to El Salvador next April, which will bring Rivercross Baptist Church from Saint John, NB to our partner in El Salvador, ENLACE. ENLACE is a ministry that empowers churches to engage their community in integral mission, as we call it, **healing a broken world through word and deed**. This will be an opportunity for a Canadian church that is firmly planted in serving their Canadian community to connect with churches committed to being agents of transformation in El Salvador! As we seek to work with other Latin American churches, we will also be travelling to the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua, to explore possibilities for engagement with Canadian churches.

## Team Leader Meetings - Canada

In October, we met with our Team Leader colleagues from around the world and Canadian CBM leaders. CBM is evolving and adjusting in how we support church partners, engage Canadian churches and do ministry together. This evolution is partly driven by financial challenges but mostly by our desire to work in true partnership that builds capacity and self-reliance, for sustainable long-term investment.

We will be on home assignment in October and November 2018 and look forward to connecting to more of the churches and friends that support us and the work of CBM.

## Family News

Ben & Elissa are adapting well to the work in Guatemala.

Bruno's Dad is in his final days. Bruno is in Sherbrooke, QC now and Kathleen will be there December 22.

## Prayer Requests, Thankfulness and Gratitude

Latin American Church leaders and those supporting them in the equipping and sending of missionaries.

Students, children and youth, and local churches being impacted and impacting communities with the program support and CBM staff.

We are thankful for you, our supporters who encourage us, motivate us and travel with us and pray for us.

***"If you do away with the yoke of oppression... And if you spend yourselves in behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed, then your light will rise in the darkness..." Isaiah 58: 10***

Bendiciones to you all this wonderful Christmas season and New Year 2018!

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