



We have now been here in Bolivia for over half a year, and it is finally starting to feel like home. Nights are getting cooler as we move into autumn, but the rainy season is pretty much over, so the weather is beautiful here in Cochabamba right now.

Integral Mission in Bolivia

Since January, Diane and I have been continuing our Spanish classes 2 days a week, as we get more heavily involved in ministry responsibilities as well. One of our priorities is leadership training in the area of Integral Mission: helping local churches to be involved both in meeting the practical needs of their communities as well as being involved in ministries of evangelism and discipleship. Many of the Bolivian churches are already running outreach ministries for area children and adult literacy programs, and are looking for more ways to serve their local neighbourhoods.



Moving bricks for the new addition to our local church



Right now Diane is spending a lot of her time working with OBADES, the community development arm of the Bolivian Baptist Union. She has been leading workshops with the OBADES staff, with local church leaders, and also at the BBU national convention (at left) which this year was held in late March in Yacuiba, on the southern border of Bolivia next to Argentina. This was an excellent opportunity for us to get to know the pastors and leaders of the Bolivian churches, and gain a bit more insight into how the BBU works.



Baptist Seminary in Cochabamba

In addition to his responsibilities as Team Leader, Jim started teaching a course on Cross-cultural and Integral Mission at the Baptist seminary in Cochabamba at the beginning of March. We are looking at Biblical models of mission, and how they can be applied in a contemporary context. While it is a challenge preparing the lessons in Spanish, it is also a great opportunity to invest in the lives of some of the future leaders of the church here in Bolivia.

A few weeks ago, Sharlene and Brian Craig came to Bolivia to spend time with the CBM team here. Sharlene is the director of Member Care for CBM, and Brian is in charge of leadership development for the Baptist churches in Ontario. We had an excellent retreat with our entire Bolivia Team while they were here.



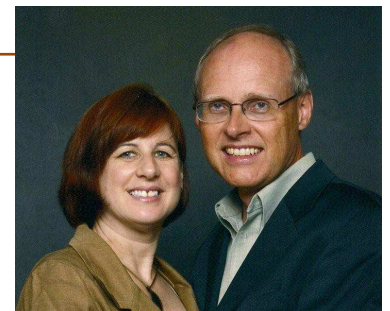
Team Bolivia Retreat with Sharlene & Brian Craig

In June, we will be back in Canada for the CBM Team Leaders meetings, and speaking at a number of churches in Ontario. We hope to be able to connect up with many of our Partners in Mission while we are in Canada.

Thanks once again for your prayers and generous support of our work here in Bolivia.

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