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# Ministry Update

## Duane & Carin Guthrie

### Greetings from Canada...For now!

I am very excited to report that this is the last newsletter I will be writing from Canada for some time. Our family will be making the much anticipated move to Bolivia at the end of April. There is a mountain of things that need to be accomplished before that time, including a move out of our home by the end of this month.

How to downsize from 2400 square feet to 14 bags is proving to be much more challenging than I first anticipated...

### Our very own "Live it Out" challenge!

Just as a reminder, we will be located in Cochabamba for our first year working on language and getting to know the rest of the team we will be working with. After we have reached fluency in Spanish (please pray for God's provision in this area) we will relocate to La Paz where we will be working alongside the Bolivian Baptist Union in El Alto within the Micro Enterprise program.

We recently had the opportunity to travel to both Cochabamba and La Paz to meet with our colleagues from CBM as well as a few of our Bolivian brothers and sisters. We are truly blessed to be joining such an amazing team of people, all of whom have great hearts for the work God has called them to as well as for the people of Bolivia.

Rebecca Alward, as many of you know, recently relocated from Albania to join the team in Bolivia. I am pleased to report that she is settling in well and is getting a most unfair head start on her language studies.



LIVE IT OUT

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It is a pleasure for us to be experiencing this new challenge with someone as resilient and exciting as Rebecca.

For those of you who have travelled to Bolivia on an STM will know what I mean when I say that two of the greatest assets that CBM has in South America are our two Bolivian colleagues Emigdio and Ivan. Having heard so much about them from Canadians, it was very exciting for us to finally have the chance to meet them in person. The wealth of experience and raw talent that these two men have is amazing. We're going to need it!

It is with mixed feeling that I have to report that Pat and Terry Janke have announced their departure for Canada in June. We are excited for the new opportunities that God will bring for them but also saddened for our own loss of their presence and guidance on the field.

God's blessings Pat & Terry!

## Chagas Project Misque



*“Chagas is a parasitic disease that affects nearly 18 million people in Latin America.”*

While in Cochabamba in January, we had the opportunity to visit a TSW project in a small village just outside of Misque. Chagas is a parasitic disease that affects nearly 18 million people in Latin America. Mainly a disease of the poor, the parasite is carried by the vinchuca bug that lives in the thatched roofs and adobe walls of homes and animal shelters. Emerging at night, the

vinchuca feeds on the blood of its victim, excreting waste that contains the parasite. The Sharing Way in partnership with the Bolivian Baptist Union, has created a project that goes beyond simple spraying of insecticides and moves towards a more permanent solution to the prevention of the disease. Through education, detection, and treatment the goal is to

directly support those with the disease and teach others how to avoid infection. The third step in the process is the complete improvement of the dwelling, including new roof, ceiling and plastered walls to prevent the vinchuca bug from entering the home. The transformation is amazing! For more information please feel free to request an information sheet from either CBM or ourselves.

## El Alto Micro Credit



We have spent the last eight months sharing with Canadian Baptists the work we will be doing in El Alto with the micro credit program. When we arrived to meet the rest of the team and visit several loan recipients, it was like we were coming home. Before we travelled down we were believers in the opportunities that micro credit affords to those who have an idea but lack the

resources to move forward. After hearing the stories of hope and seeing the results that this very young program has already achieved we are utterly convinced that this is just about the most exciting thing we could be doing with the time God has given us! We met a single mother of two small children who now has a stable source of income for her family; a man who

is now exporting his product to Brazil; a young couple who are rushing to complete an order of 12,000 dolls for UNICEF. One common theme with all these stories is how grateful they are to God for providing caring people who took the time to make a difference in their lives. In case you're wondering, YOU as Canadian Baptists are these caring people!.

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