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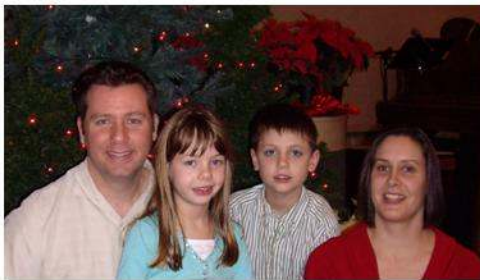
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Bolivia Bound...

Since our appointment to CBM in July, we have had the pleasure of meeting with many from the Canadian Baptist Family. From as far west as Port Alberni on the west coast, to Quebec City on the beautiful St. Lawrence River we have come to respect the sheer magnitude of this wonderful nation we call home. Time and again we have had to leave new friends behind as we have visited with churches and mission groups, May God bless you all.



Duane and Carin Guthrie
Caleb and Paige

In order for CBM Field Staff to begin their overseas ministry, they must first raise financial team support. This is accomplished by becoming *Partners in Mission* (PIM) with friends, family, churches and businesses here in Canada who have a desire to be part of God's work internationally.

Our initial hope was to depart for Bolivia in January 2009. While this remains our desire, we need to accept that this may not be God's plan for us. Support has been slow in coming, in no small part due to the global financial reality that we are all facing. However, we are more convinced than ever that we are right where God wants us to be and to this end we are trusting that he will raise up individuals who will say yes to becoming our *Partners in Mission*. Our current goal is to reach 60% of our total budget. Logistically we need God to supply 250 people who will come alongside our ministry at \$10/month (a level we believe to be both practical and sustainable) or 100 people to give \$25/month.

If you are willing to commit to becoming our *Partner in Mission*, please send CBM the support form found at the back of the *Partner in Mission* brochure or contact Eileen Moore-Crispin at 905.821.3533 or eileenm@cbmin.org as soon as you can. Your support will enable us to begin our ministry in Bolivia sooner. Thank you for your generosity.

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From our family to yours.



We were walking through a mall the other day and noticed the blank look in the faces of the shoppers passing by. The annual challenge of looking for that perfect gift that perhaps this year won't be left aside before lunch is served can easily strip the joy right out of us. Our real hope lies in that perfect and lasting gift that began that first Christmas

Day in a little town called Bethlehem, and was brought to perfection some thirty three years later on a Roman Cross. This truly is a special time of year that we have set aside to remember, along with family, something in history that was utterly amazing. The very idea that God would humble himself to become like us is simply astonishing. Here's the thing. What makes Christmas special, I

mean truly special, is how it points to Easter. This baby, this Christ child, did not remain manger bound. He grew and took his place at the right hand of God but not before utterly smashing sin's grasp on us. He is the King of King's and Lord of Lord's, our blessed redeemer. So with this thought in mind, we as a family would like to wish you and yours a very *Merry Christmas*.

Prayer requests:

Please pray...

- that God will provide wisdom and discernment through all the preparations for leaving
- that God would provide peace for our family and friends as we all prepare for separation.
- for God's peace and provision for the people of Bolivia.

Special points of interest:

- Our first year in Bolivia will be spent learning language in Cochabamba.
- We will be working in El Alto with The Sharing Way and the Bolivian Baptist Union's Micro Credit program.
- 65% of Bolivians fall below the Global estimated poverty line of \$2/day.

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