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I can't believe Christmas is just around the corner and that I've been here almost a year. Time is flying. It's summer here with temperatures in the high 20's and many times reaching 30c. The rainy season has also begun which is a blessing but I must admit that although I'm loving this climate, I'm missing Canadian winters.

What's Been Happening

Since my last update in October, I've been able to find out more regarding what my work with the UBB will entail. I will specifically be working in: 1) leadership development with Vida Joven (Young Life) which is the new ministry that has begun for the adolescents led by jovenes. 2) Participation (e.g. workshops) at various camps and training sessions around Bolivia and 3) mentoring of young women.

They're also wanting me to have a focus on two areas in Bolivia which are Potosi and Tarija to help start up Vida Joven. I'm uncertain at this point what that may look like but time will tell. I'm also in conversation with Jeff Carter, GFS from the Czech Republic, regarding the possibility of bringing Horizon to Bolivia. Horizon is an incredible training program that has been put together for the European Baptist Federation for the training of youth leaders and the UBB is very interested in it. There's the possibility that we could have it translated and culturalized for October or November 2010 which would then allow us to run a pilot project here in Cochabamba. Basically, these are exciting times!

I've also had the opportunity to be involved in the congreso (training time) of the incoming jvenes leaders of 2010. I didn't have to do any sessions; it was simply an opportunity to get to know them. I've also had the new leaders of jvenes in Cochabamba at my place for their initial time of getting to know one another, team bonding and prayer.

Prayer ...I'm going to be in Tarija from Jan. 4-11 at the National Jvenes Camp. I'll be giving my testimony and helping a bit in another session as well as having specific time with the girls each day. Please pray that my Spanish will be in top form and that God will be guiding my words and conversations. The other leaders and I will also be meeting re. the training schedule for the entire year. Please pray as well as I begin researching and putting together training resources for Vida Joven.



Jvenes leaders from Cochabamba at my place this month

I want to thank you all for your support, prayers and encouragement this past year because this ministry is not possible without you. I pray that you will continue to be a part of this with me in the upcoming year. I pray you have a wonderful Christmas with family and friends, full of God's peace.

Financial Considerations

Many of you are already supporting me both financially and through prayer for which I am so encouraged and thankful. But if you haven't yet, there's still opportunity and need before the end of the year. As well, if you know of anyone who would be interested in what's happening or would like to support my ministry, please forward this ministry update to them.

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