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I just put up my Christmas tree and am sitting here enjoying the beautiful lights while listening to some Christmas music. It's the first time I've truly felt that it's that time of year. I can't believe it's December – in about a month I'll be celebrating 3 years here in Bolivia as well as my first year in Tarija!

### ***What's Been Happening***

The last few months have been so amazing! I was able to spend a few weeks with a close friend who came to visit me in September. It was wonderful to spend time with her and she did a great job of helping me relax ☺.

Many of you know that Jeff Carter, CBM field staff in Prague, Czech Republic came to Bolivia beginning of November to speak at the National Jovenes Convention as well as promote the online youth leader training program, Horizons. It was an amazing 10 days!



Jeff Carter doing a workshop in Tarija on Horizons and the Call of a Leader

As well as being at the convention, we also visited Sucre, Potosi, and Tarija. It was great to connect

with him again and we're both very excited about the level of interest in Horizons here in Bolivia. We were also able to meet with 3 leaders who want to be part of Horizons with the idea of becoming the first mentors along with myself. I cannot say how excited I am about 2012!

In my last update, I talked about building a leadership team here in Tarija for the Vida Joven teen ministry. I am pleased to share that both the leadership team has been formed as well as beginning to work with specific teens in leadership from the various Tarija churches. They will help us know the needs as well as help with planning.



One of the dramas by the teens at the Vida Joven event

On December 3<sup>rd</sup> we had our kick-off teen event for the Vida Joven teen ministry which included youth from all the Baptist churches in Tarija! Both the leaders as well as the teens involved in music and drama did a fantastic job. We've chosen 2 Timothy 1:7 as our theme verse with "Sin Limites" as our overall theme which means limitless – their potential, their impact, etc. is limitless in Christ. Weekly youth groups are starting this week and then as with the jovenes (young adults) combined services, we'll have combined events or services every couple of months.

## ***The New Year***

The national juvenes camp will be held January 3-8 in Oruro. I'll be doing 2 workshops as well as being available if any of the girls want to talk. At the end of January will be the national youth crusades also in the Tarija region with people from around the country coming to be a part of it. It's going to be an incredible month! Starting in February I'll be starting to work in Santa Cruz with the goal of building the Vida Joven leadership team and launching the ministry there. The first year is always the hardest as training needs to happen as well as growing as a team. It's also very important that the churches take ownership of this ministry and are excited and fully behind it.



**Presentation of the Vida Joven leaders at the Vida Joven event**

I'm hoping to have completed the Horizons course by March with the other to-be mentors in training themselves. The first step once we're ready will be to do a pilot project in one of the regions.

## ***Prayer Requests***

- Continued prayer for the pastor's son who has just finished his chemo treatment for cancer
- The time and wisdom needed to complete the workshops for January's juvenes camp
- the focus to complete my Horizons course by March
- Starting the Vida Joven ministry in Santa Cruz and the ongoing VJ ministry in Tarija
- Completing the research project on Bolivian youth by end of June
- The leadership team of the national juvenes crusades in January
- continued safety in travel

- team Bolivia in general & a time of rest for each of the members and their families over Christmas

## ***Thanksgiving***

- June Castellon & Emigdio Veizaga's faithful years with CBM as they begin retirement
- Jeff Carter's visit in November
- Great interest and desire for starting Horizons in Bolivia including potential mentors
- The formation of the Tarija Vida Joven leadership team and it's kick-off event
- Some great r&r in September

## ***Finances & Support***

Your support this year has been incredible – both through your prayers as well as financially – it's been overwhelming. I cannot express my thanks enough. My finances have stabilized throughout the year and I am in a much better situation than at the end of last year and it is because of all of you. Thank you so much!

If any of you would like to support me financially or if you know of someone who might be interested, please contact CBM and they can help you.

CBM continues to make it easier for you to partner with those on the field. You can contact Eileen Moore-Crispin from CBM at (905) 821-3533 or email her at [eileenm@cbmin.org](mailto:eileenm@cbmin.org) for more information and/or to make a donation.

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Happy New Year!!!  
Thanks so much for being a  
part of ministry with me  
this year!*