



### Greetings from Tim and Kallie

Hola from the southern hemisphere! As back to school Facebook posts keep reminding us, Canada is jumping into a new season. On the flip side here in Bolivia, we're still in the thick of our yearly activities. Our past few months have been packed as we undertook exciting ministry and built deeper relationships with colleagues and partners. Read on for a few highlights.

### Prayer Partners

Actively seeking ways to engage Bolivian churches in local ministry is an area of focus we've invested considerable time towards. Mobilizing volunteers not only assists projects but can also reshape how participants understand church, Christian ministry, and their neighbours.



Obades & Nuevo Canaan Church leadership signing their Prayer Partner Agreement

Recently we launched an initiative alongside OBADES (the Bolivian Baptist NGO) aiming to sign up local churches as Prayer Partners, complete with a signed formal agreement. This has challenged Obades to be intentional regarding its communication and listen more intently to the needs of its churches. In turn, churches are learning to prayerfully engage in mission and recognize the vital role they play in local ministry.

### Dessert Fair

Jireh is a vulnerable children and youth project that is operated by a local Bolivian church – Sinai – with oversight from the Bolivian Baptist org., Obades. Jireh is currently going through an exciting transition as Sinai has begun rolling out a new vision. Part of this includes a personal challenge to raise over \$10,000 from within the congregation annually. This means they've started to hustle!

One financial stream includes regularly putting on special events. Recently they hosted a dessert night and this unique fair attracted close to 300 people from the community. Though a lot of work, these events have enabled the church to engage neighbours while serving to encourage the congregation in their ambitious missional initiative.



### Latin America Team Retreat

In June, CBM's Latin America staff had the unique opportunity to meet together as a team in El Salvador and Guatemala. We used this time to not only reconnect with each other, but also explore some of the ministries happening with other organizations in this region of the world. We found this to be a refreshing time that allowed us to consider ministry in Bolivia from a different vantage point.





Latin America Field Staff & CBM Office Colleagues

### Current Events in Bolivia

You may have heard of the recent fires raging through the Amazon rainforest. To date over 1.2 million hectares have been destroyed in Bolivia, leaving thousands displaced. This richly biodiverse region has global benefits but undoubtedly those living within its ecosystem will suffer most. This is not a natural process the way wildfires at times occur in Canada but appears to be linked to recent clearing for farmland. Pray for environmental healing for this land and its inhabitants, protection for indigenous groups, and an adequate response in the proceeding months and years.



Quick fact: Bolivia has two official national flags

Like Canada, Bolivia is also anticipating a national election this October. The current president, Evo Morales, is running for his fourth term as president since 2006. Morales' greatest opposition, Carlos Mesa has also previously

served as president. The Bolivian political situation has been somewhat tense over the past 3 years with regular demonstrations, protests, and blockades. Please pray for wisdom and peaceful political engagement as Bolivians exercise their collective voice.

**Peace be with you,**

*Tim & Kallie*

### Prayer Requests

- Pray for Obades as they seek to partner with local churches through missional engagement, including corporate prayer.
- Pray for Sinai Church as they demonstrate leadership through the Jireh project and inspire both Bolivian churches and their local community through acts of service.
- Pray for Bolivia, its national election this October, relief from the fires in the Amazon, and general health for the nation.

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