

# W5 on Missions

## Who... Rebecca Alward

Rebecca is from Lewisville Baptist Church, Moncton, NB, where she was active in youth and music ministries. In her teens she lived in Belgium for twelve months where she learned Flemish and got to know Canadian Baptist Ministries' field staff living there. Rebecca's background and experience is in the developing of youth/student leadership; she worked in this capacity at Atlantic Baptist University in Moncton, NB. Her interest in cross-cultural ministry was affirmed when she took a student group to Albania in 2003. She enjoys playing piano, spending time with friends, watching movies, crocheting and knitting, and going for long walks.



## Where... Cochabamba, Bolivia

Cochabamba is a very modern city (with largest open air market La Cancha in South America; high speed internet when it is working; a number of Bolivian Baptist Union churches as well as typical city problems).

Population: This is a city of over 600,000 people and a metro population of a million. 60% are youth ages 15- 30

Temperature: warm days; cool nights (daytime high 28 to low at night of 2 degrees)

Two main languages: Spanish and Quechua

**When...** Rebecca has been appointed by CBM as Global Field Staff to Bolivia in partnership with the Bolivian Baptist Union with a focus on youth ministries. After serving in Albania for 18 months she moved to Bolivia in January 2009. Rebecca is currently in language and culture studies for her first year in Cochabamba before beginning her ministry throughout Bolivia.

**What...** Rebecca has been concentrating on language study (learning Spanish) but is also involved in various events getting to know her fellow workers and youth.

In July Rebecca attended the Baptist youth convention in Sucre and connected with many of the Jovenes leaders around Bolivia.

Rebecca and 22 Jovenes from a few Cochabamba churches went for three days in September to the Chapare area where they held children's meetings (with over 125 attending). There they told about Jesus through drama, singing and they helped with health issues. On the practical side, they also painted a new room for the children's work in the area.

During the last week of August Rebecca moved to a new home where there is space for training sessions and hang out times with the Jovenes.

**Why...** Because Rebecca answered a call from the Lord to fill the need in this place at this time.

## Prayer requests:

- 1) Pray for Rebecca who is in language study right now four days a week and is working with language helpers. The focus is on fluency and accent. Pray for perseverance and focus in the learning process.
- 2) Pray for wisdom and discernment for Rebecca as to how best to connect with a very enthusiastic youth adult population (Jovenes) in churches across Bolivia and as she begins work with the Bolivian Baptist Union on leadership and development, and mentoring among the Jovenes.
- 3) Pray for the Bolivian CBM team as they go through a time of transition with the Jankes (Terry and Pat) leaving and the arrival of new CBM Global Field Staff: the Guthries (Duane and Carin) and the Mcbeths (Jim and Diane) as well as Rebecca. Pray for them as they work together, support one another and seek God's will for the various ministries in which they are involved.
- 4) Pray for Bolivia. The country is rapidly approaching campaign season for the elections to be held in December. Pray that peace and stability will be the order of the day.

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