



Teamed Up & Mobilized - Tim & Kallie Hutton

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Canadian Baptist Ministries Global Field Staff Tim and Kallie Hutton are now in their seventh year of ministry in Bolivia, a country

longing for an economic recovery period. There is a concern for the lack of jobs, rising prices, and the struggle of re-establishing the educational structure after the years of the pandemic.

Early in 2022, Tim joined the board of the Baptist Theological Seminary (STB) as the CBM representative. The seminary is in the midst of the administrative task to re-evaluate and become a legally independent educational institution. The process has brought forth a new vision to train national Christian leaders to be well-equipped with a deep theological foundation and with a practical ministry of service to the churches and their communities. STB holds classes in the early morning and late in the evening to allow students to work during the day. There is a desire for more online classes as the school develops hybrid learning. Tim is also continuing to teach courses.

Many of the field ministries serve alongside CBM's local partner, OBADES, the mission and development arm

of the Bolivian Baptist Union (UBB). The new director, Isidro Mamani, is passionate about directing the local churches to serve and disciple others. He has launched a volunteer program to get youth and young adults active in different ministries. Tim and Kallie write, "We're excited for the opportunity to learn from and serve alongside him as we do mission together."

Together with UBB partners, the Huttons have seen the marketplace ministry projects Alas de Águila (Eagle's Wings, or ADA), and Misk'i Jampi team up to sell their products. The Casa de la Amistad (Friendship House) offers ADA mothers, whose spouses are in prison, practical and spiritual teaching. The project is located in the same plaza square as the men's and women's prisons, allowing for easy movement of wives and children of incarcerated men to be involved in the programs. The industrious women are using their new sewing skills to develop their own designs and offer their creations for sale at artisan markets and in local stores. Misk'i Jampi (a Quechua term for Sweet Remedy) is a group of rural farmers learning how to raise bees and harvest honey. All proceeds from the honey, which is sold at local market pricing, is reinvested into more hives and training for new families.

The CBM gift catalogue, Hopeful Gifts For Change, mentions how children who attend Casa de la Amistad can benefit from computer equipment or Internet access in the tutoring and online learning support provided by the centre. A second safe place for children and mothers in Cochabamba is Fundacion Emanuel. This community offers psychological, educational, and nutritional support where the love of Jesus is modelled. Also, let us not forget to pray for Jireh, another project that

has oversight from the local church and the UBB, that serves vulnerable children and youth.

There is a continued outreach of Bolivian youth who are renovating homes with the Chagas project. Recently, one of our own Maritime Baptist young adults travelled to Bolivia to view the progress of plastering walls and the cementing of floors of homes. She interviewed the OBADES workers and the government information centres that educate those who live in rural areas as to how to avoid this disease. Over time, Chagas can be fatal. It is caused from the bite of the Vinchuca insect that lives in the adobe walls and thatched roofs of rural, poor Bolivian homes. Those who are poor do not have the means to acquire treatment or renovate their houses, without help.

Prayer:

- ♦ Recently, CBM Global Field Staff Bill Dyck spoke at a two-day retreat for Bolivian pastors. The follow-up to this outreach, "A Healthy Pastor," is entrusted to the CBM Latin American staff team and OBADES.
- ♦ Pray for Tim and Kallie as they continue to work through the adoption process for their little girl.

Sources: cbmin.org; CBM Hutton ministry updates; CBM Calling (June 2020 and April 2021); Acadia News (January 25, 2021); and timandkallie.com.



Jaime Pardo, seen holding a jar of honey, is the director of the Misk'i Jampi project.

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