


## 2022 Great Canadian Bible Study Project:

### Alas de Águila (Eagles Wings) – Mothers' School

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The Eagles Wings project is a ministry of Canadian Baptist Ministries and aims to support vulnerable women through the challenges their families face. Women with their husbands in prison receive sewing training and life skills workshops to start their businesses. Support this project through financial contributions and prayer as part of the Great Canadian Bible Study.

#### **The Situation**

As one of the poorest countries in South America, Bolivia has many families and individuals struggling with poverty. Mothers, without the support of their husbands, are even more vulnerable to poverty. Further, gender inequality is an issue for many women, especially Indigenous women trying to provide for their households alone. Mothers get invited to join Eagles Wings Mother's school to gain life and business skills, support, and help for their children. Their children attend the Casa de la Amistad, another project which CBM helps

support through their partner OBADES. The project provides valuable support, encouragement, and practical skills for vulnerable women who provide for their families in challenging situations.

## How CBM is Helping

Here are a few actions CBM and OBADES take to help women in Bolivia rebuild their lives and provide for their families:

### Sewing classes

Women are provided with resources and training to learn the trade of sewing.

### Spiritual counselling

Women are empowered and valued while they receive spiritual counselling from staff and take part in devotionals.

### Entrepreneurial and life skills workshops

Through workshops, women learn essential skills on earning an income and receive assistance in gaining contracts to sell their products. The earnings get distributed equally.



## The Impact of CBM's Work

Carmen is from the city of La Paz. With her husband in prison, Carmen was alone to care for her two girls without support from her family. Through the sewing project, apart from the classes, she and other participants received several training workshops that strengthened their capacities in areas of their lives. These consisted of violence prevention topics, emotional support, and spiritual counseling. Carmen now teaches new students in dressmaking and leads most of the groups formed by the women. Carmen dreams of having her own business for more financial support and independence and further wants her children to study and have the opportunities she did not have.



“When I lived with my husband, I did not realize many things and was mistreated by him and his family. I have changed; I do not let anyone mistreat my daughters or me thanks to the workshops in which I have participated, and I value myself and have realized that with God’s help I can get ahead.” - Carmen Gomez

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women encouraging women in Canada and Bolivia.