



## ELLENS UPDATES YEAREND 2015

Missionaries of First Baptist Church Listowel ON and yours

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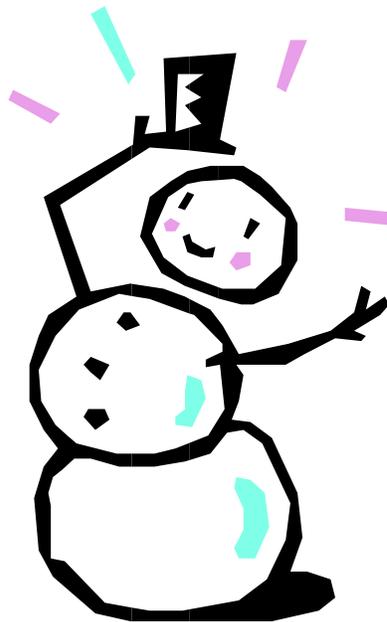
### An ongoing ministry on your behalf

Dear Partners in Missions Friends and Prayer Warriors:

Time continues to disappear too quickly and has a long list of "We should have's" behind it. However here is our update and trust that this report will help you understand our activities and challenges on our Lord's behalf and as your partners in missions.

In July Graciela was able to accomplish her trip to South Africa and join hundreds of women from around the world to the Baptist World Alliance Women's Dept. Leadership Conference in Johannesburg. Her experience provided material for the next five year program focusing on the theme "Arise and Shine". She was reunited with friends from Canada, USA, Venezuela, Ecuador and a few countries in be-

tween. New contacts helped fill a new list of connections worldwide. While there she became an unofficial interpreter for the Latin American delegation due to a shortage of translators.



!!!!!! Happy New Year !!!!!

In August shortly after returning home she was able to share her experiences and the new program for the next five year plan to close to 300 attendees of the Cochabamba Association Baptist women. Later she attended the Quechua Ladies Congress at the Baptist campground just outside of Cochabamba. August is Missions month in Baptist churches in Bolivia in memory of the death of 7 Bolivian Baptists and Canadian Baptist missionary Norman Dabbs in August 1949, killed for preaching the gospel. First Baptist Church in Cochabamba regularly invites guest speakers for that month and Hans had the privilege of sharing one Sunday. Hans was also part of a committee of the association ladies to purchase a motorcycle for a local rural missionary.

### Worldwide Travel and Home Ministry

September we were able to stay close to home focusing on a national leadership retreat in a nearby town. Most of the delegates were from other regions of Bolivia so were

hosted by the church there. It was up to the host church and us to have everything in order upon their arrival. Graciela was the main organizer and leader of this encounter. She re-

ported on her trip to South Africa and presented the new five year plan of the Baptist World Alliance Women's Dept. Through a number of workshops she presented the 2015 World



The Latin American delegation to BAWWD Leadership Conference

#### Praise

As you have read throughout the months there have been many blessings and positive ministry taking place despite some difficulties and we Praise our Lord for His great blessings and steadfast love for us.

We Praise Him for your faithfulness and support in prayer and finances

We praise Him for the rich opportunity of meeting and working with people



Brenda Mann (former Executive director of CBOQBW) and Graciela in Johannesburg at the BAWWD Leadership Conference



## Volunteers and Travel

Day of Prayer program for the leaders to take back to their respective areas in anticipation of that special day held the first Monday of November. In the last of the month she was the leader for the children's program at the Aymara Ladies Retreat.

October we focused on getting things ready for the team of 8 volunteers from First Baptist Church Listowel ON to minister at Cristo Rey (Christ the King) Baptist church in Sucre. We drove our vehicle loaded with ladders and tools to Sucre. A few days later Graciela took the bus (10 hour drive)

for meetings in Tarija. Hans flew to Santa Cruz to meet the team. The following day they flew to Sucre and were met by a large delegation of adults and children at the airport. Graciela arrived a day later from her meetings. The team scraped walls, painted ceilings and walls, laid ceramic tile and interacted in a very special way with the church family over the next ten days. Graciela was principle translator as Hans was away quite a bit purchasing and picking up supplies with one of the

team and a church member. On the 27<sup>th</sup> we flew the team back to Santa Cruz and the following day said our goodbyes and they headed back to Canada. We headed to Yaquiba for the World Day of Prayer activities. On the return trip the vehicle died and required a new motor.



### Prayer and Praise

#### Prayer

Pray for continuing travelling mercies as we will be doing a lot in the next two months

Pray for good health as we travel

Pray for the delegates at the national Convention in Sta. Cruz in January 2016 and the new leadership that will be elected there.

Praise for the financial support that has helped immensely to cover the repairs for the vehicle.



Top & Left FBC Listowel Team with the Cristo Rey Church.

Above Graciela & Hans at the World Day of Prayer, Yaquiba Bolivia Nov. 3, 2015

### Anticipations for 2016

#### Future Plans

January we will be travelling to Sta. Cruz and participating in the National Baptist Women's Convention which will also be holding elections for the next two year term.

February Relax?! We intend to focus more on activities closer to home and not travel as much in the 2016. We look forward to working more with Goretty Jora and her children's program in Cochabamba.

Plans are to return to Canada but as yet no specific date.

We Praise God for His goodness and care and your participation in our ministry and lives. As we celebrate this very special time of the year we extend to you our best wishes for a won-



derful New Year filled with the presence of our Lord in your lives.

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