



ECCC Women Ministries Project 2008

The Covenant Church of Canada

The Women Ministries in Canada would like to partner with the larger Covenant women ministries and will support the “**Break the Chains**” initiative specifically in Bolivia. The ECCC will partner with the International Justice Mission to support the work they are doing there.

IJM's Four-Fold Purpose

1. Victim Relief - Relieve the victim of the abuse currently being committed.
2. Perpetrator Accountability - Bring accountability and just consequences under the law to the specific perpetrator(s) of abuse.
3. Structural Prevention - Prevent the abuse from being committed against others who are also at risk by strengthening community factors that are likely to deter potential oppressors, reduce the vulnerability of at-risk populations and empower local authorities to stop such abuses.
4. Victim Aftercare - Provide access to services to help victims transition to their new lives and to



A Season of Promise *for Bolivia*

The need:

While the Bolivian government generally respects the human rights of its citizens, the U.S. State Department identifies various significant human rights problems, including abuses by security forces; discrimination based on gender and ethnicity; trafficking in persons; and child labour.



Violence against women is a pervasive and underreported problem. An exhaustive national survey on domestic violence conducted by the National Statistical Institute in 2003 showed 64 percent of women were the target of some form of emotional, physical or sexual abuse from their partner.

Child labour is a serious problem in Bolivia. Although the law specifically prohibits persons under 18 years of age from work in the sugarcane fields, approximately 7,000 rural migrant children under the age of 14 worked in this activity in 2006. Children are at risk in other ways as well.

According to a nationwide study on abuse in schools carried out by Child Defense-International (CDI-Bolivia), 50 percent of children suffer physical punishment on some occasion, and 6 percent suffer this constantly at school. Also, there are at least 100 daily cases of sexual attacks on children within schools.



YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO HELP:

Partner with ECCC Women Ministries of Canada and the International Justice Mission as we work towards bringing justice and peace in Bolivia.

You can give to the Women Ministries through the ECCC. Please send your donation with IJM project in the memo field to:

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