

Intimate Connection With Mission

A Thank You from executive director Diane McBeth



Thank you for giving in 2017! So many ministry opportunities are opening up and we could not respond without your generosity. We are also making a significant contribution to vulnerable women and children in Canada and internationally. Here are a few things your gifts accomplished in 2017.

Baptist Women gave more than \$80,000 for ministry through Canadian Baptist Ministries (CBM). Among other things, we were proud to ensure full support for the Bolivia Integral Mission Initiatives. CBM received \$2,327 from other sources, so we gave \$39,673 to complete all the funding for 2017. These projects are examples of good community development because they are initiated and run by local people who know their own context best. Please view the thank you video from the Huttons at www.baptistwomen.com/resources.



Similarly, we gave \$14,842 so the SKILD program in Lebanon could be fully funded. We are proud to support this group that works with marginalized, disabled children and their families.

We were also privileged to contribute \$7,878 to the Kenya Urban Ministries Program. Over the last nine years, this huge endeavour has supported 1,000 women through women's self help groups. This is wholistic ministry, meeting physical, emotional and spiritual needs through things like water filters, school fees and livelihood training.

In 2018, we hope to again fully fund the Bolivian Integral Mission Projects. The specific local projects will be changing midyear so unfortunately we cannot facilitate you choosing specific projects this time. However, you can get updates throughout the year via Kallie Hutton's blog at www.timandkallie.com/blog

We will also support the Kenya Urban Ministries Program.

Closer to home, we were able to support great ministry through the Dorothy Neal New Initiatives Fund. We gave grants to a Peterborough church sponsoring Syrian refugees; to Beloved Women for translation and printing of their gospel booklets for Arabic women; to Recess, for a respite program for disabled children and their families; to Farmtown Canada for an afterschool horse and counselling program for teen girls.

Thank you for giving! Many of you jumped on board with Strategic Giving and some of you became Monthly Automated Donors. We take

your trust very seriously. We spend as little as possible on our own expenses so we can use as much as possible for the kingdom. In 2017 we also received gifts from the estates of several faithful women who passed away. Their advance planning facilitates ministry into the future.

It's a great future. We are excited that some of you are experimenting with new ways of connecting women, such as paint nights and book clubs. Many of you are working to reach out to your communities. Thanks to all who organized Interactive Prayer Rooms. Your participation multiplies the reach of Baptist Women. At our Spring conference we will build on the Room to Pray program. We will also launch a whole new suite of programs for spiritual formation and networking.

Please join us. And please invite others.

Photos courtesy CBM:

Top – Bolivia Integral Mission project Proyecto PEPE El Paso

Bottom – Mashallah self-help group, Nairobi. Learning how to give henna tattoos.



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speakers: Terry Long + Meghan Matthews
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