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WHAT GALCOM RADIOS CAN DO

Dear Friend,

When I joined Galcom 18 years ago, I didn't know anything about radio. I understood how ministries operated, knew charity tax law and accounting, fundraising, and human resources, but I had no idea about radio. So, I set out to learn everything about how Galcom used radio as a mission tool. I would spend an hour after lunch each day in production, learning from our incredible volunteers how to assemble radios. I'm sure they and our Production Technician at the time, Neil Woods, grew tired of me asking "Why?" and "What does this do?" and "How does that work?" But once I understood what it took to make our radios, I wanted to see them in action. Our founder, Allan McGuirl, then reached out to Pioneers missionary Alex Muir to see if there was room for me on his March trip to Bolivia to distribute radios in the high Andes to the Quechua people. It was last-minute, but he managed to fit me in, and so I packed my bag half-full of radios and half-full of clothes, then met the rest of the team from New Brunswick in Miami.



Bolivia, 2026

Earth). Daily exposure to the Gospel through radio was breaking through their spiritual blindness.

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I am so glad that my first mission trip with Galcom was with Alex. He had been coordinating and leading teams for years and did an excellent job preparing us for culture shock, training us on how to communicate across language barriers, and demonstrating God's love as we handed out radios, sang songs, played with kids, and served local pastors. Alex's son Greg and his family hosted us in Bolivia. He and the team of local evangelists he was training had arranged our visits to the remote villages. I quickly learned just how vital Galcom radios were to these communities. They overcame all the barriers that traditional missionary work encounters. With radio (and eventually audio Bibles), we overcame both literacy and language barriers. The solar panel addressed the infrastructure barrier, as no one in the villages we visited had electricity in their homes. Radio also bridged the workforce gap, since there were only a few trained Quechua pastors, limiting church visits to once every couple of months. It was an uphill battle explaining the difference between what the Bible taught and the traditional worship of Pachamama (Mother

for days to reach the Mosoj Chaski radio station so they can announce a wedding or a funeral. Alex shares the story of meeting a man with a broken radio, who begged him to fix it because "it is my life!"

Thank you for enabling people worldwide, in situations similar to the Quechua, to hear the Gospel. May God bless you abundantly for your work in the Great Commission.

With you in Christ's service,

Tim Whitehead
Executive Director





I was delighted to see a Quechua woman knitting a sock on a circular needle - exactly the same project as I had in my backpack. "We're like sisters from different countries!" I said.



There were six of us on the team, led by Alex Muir. He is fluent in Spanish and enabled us to breeze through Customs with our 500 radios to distribute.



*Let the mountains
sing with joy*



Some of the people made four-day journeys through the rain and mud for a radio.

It was a blessing to be able to give the radios to the people and see their delight.



We were definitely never going to go hungry!

For more of the story, scan the QR code to hear Faye's interview on the Mission Compass S6 E24 podcast after June 13!



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The Quechua use a blanket on their backs to carry everything—groceries, firewood, and often babies.



Our radios and little giveaways like bowls, tracts, and wordless Gospel pins were in hot demand!



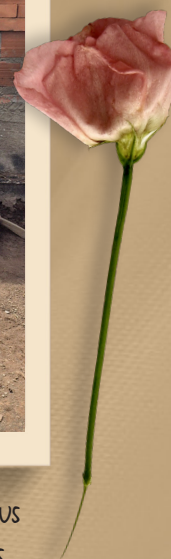
Since 2005, Alex and Greg Muir have led more than 60 short-term mission teams distributing 62,000 Galcom radios to the Quechua people in the Andes Mountains of Bolivia. Galcom's Faye Whatford joined them in April 2026 to see first-hand the effects of radios in these remote villages.



The winding roads made travelling into the mountains long, and we sometimes had to grit our teeth as we passed another vehicle inches from the edge of the cliff!



Our hosts in each town greeted us with warm smiles, generous meals, and their most festive clothing.



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