



The Ackerman Family

Missionaries to BOLIVIA

“Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.” 1 Cor. 15:58

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Dear prayer partners, family, and friends.

“God is never too early or late” proves to be true in our lives this month. We signed a 6-month contract just several days before our deadline of needing to be out of the Devalls’ house (a missionary family which has been on furlough since before we came) A big thank-you to the Dosson family for coming over from Pucara to help us in moving. As we were putting the last load into the pickup at the back, The Devall family pulled up with their luggage at the front door.

Our new location is on the other side of town, but still in Vallegrande. The house has its problems (plumbing, security, etc.) but it has plenty of room and it is clean. We are very thankful for the place that the Lord has provided us to live for this time of language and culture learning. The owners and many neighbors are not saved so we are praying for opportunities to witness to them.

Rick had the privilege of preaching in two settlements this month named El Oro and Pucura. It was his first time preaching in Spanish without a translator. Praise be to God for His help in getting us there as the roads were very slippery and in places the ditches on both sides are a good thousand feet down! The people seemed receptive to his message about the barren fig tree as many of them are farmers.

Some of you may have heard of the treacherous mudslides down here. The road to Santa Cruz right now has 13 of them but the timing couldn’t have been more perfect. This is the week of Carnival, the most wicked and vile of their celebrations that we know of. All of South America celebrates this and even in the U.S. it is observed as Mardi Gras or Fat Tuesday. Usually Vallegrande has the second largest fiesta for this in Bolivia, only behind Oruro, but the slides have kept many people from traveling here.

PRAISES: Our supporting churches who are such an encouragement and blessing, Safety traveling; Good health; specific answer to prayers; Opportunities to witness and preach, Housing

PRAYER REQUESTS: Fruitful ministry; Specific guidance within God's will of where to go; Help with the language; continued safety and good health; Wisdom as parents; The Leaders of Bolivia, The Fundamental Baptist Conference for the national pastors and missionaries in Cochabamba Mar. 5-9, The campana, or 14 year anniversary of the church in Vallegrande Mar. 23-24.

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