



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.

Greetings in the name of the Lord. We trust this finds you all well. At this time we are in Santa Cruz preparing to go back out to Vallegrande. During the trip here we counted 200 places that the road had been covered and cleared of rocks, mud and debris from the landslides. Praise be to God that the rains have lessened for this time of travel.

This month Rick had the privilege of preaching in a village named Astilleros. It was a full day of traveling through the mountains mostly uphill which afforded us a good view of the other villages in that area. Since we were traveling with a sister in Christ who has been going there with her husband, Roberto Moron (national missionary) for the past 8 years, we were also given a good history and report of the spiritual condition of the populations along the way. One of locations is named El Alto for good reason, being on top of a mountain. It has had a church in the past, but like so many of the villages here, the pastor has left for some reason or another. Two other villages of smaller population also were without a pastor. As is customary, we came back with more people than we arrived there with. Many of these settlements have no stores or services of any kind, only a school; so they must ride to Vallegrande in big cargo trucks much like livestock, standing the whole way to get their supplies.

The Fundamental Baptist Conference for the national pastors and missionaries in Cochabamba at the beginning of this month was well attended. There, Rick heard 25 sermons in 5 days and got to meet many pastors and missionaries, some from here and some from other countries. It was through attending this that he was invited to preach at a church in Tarija, Bolivia which is about 18 hours of driving from Vallegrande. Lord willing, we will be going to celebrate their anniversary with them next month from the 13th through the 15th. We are anticipating a good survey trip along with this opportunity and lots of language practice.

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

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 campana, or 14 year anniversary of the church in Vallegrande Mar. 23-24. Our trip to Tarija next month.

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