



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, from Bolivia, South America.

So much has happened here for us in the last month that we have been home only eight days in the last month. We surveyed the village of Masicuri. This village is 4 hours beyond Vallegrande, located next to a river having an altitude much lower. Masicuri is known for its beauty, its fish, heat, bugs, and more bugs. Everyone we have talked to so far likes to visit there, but they would not want to live there. While visiting Masicuri we had a camp out on the bank of the river and feed the bugs. We went into town and surveyed some of the people. It's probable that there are 1500 inhabitants in town and in the surrounding area. In our interviews we found that there is no evangelical or fundamental work in the area, neither is there a Mormon or Jehovah witness presence. The Catholic Church's presence is limited to a vacation home of the cardinal of Bolivia which is also a beautiful retreat for the Catholic leaders. We were told that a priest comes maybe twice a month. We were also told that the people had no love for one another. Praise the Lord that He gave us contacts with several people there, some being open to hearing the Gospel. Please pray with us that God would continue to lead in the direction we should go. I would hate to spend several years in an area being less effective for the Lord, because I did what my flesh desired. Until then we will endeavor to bloom where God leads.

This month the Lord allowed me to help out with the preaching in some of the other fundamental churches in the area without pastors, traveling to Mairana and Vilcus. On our trip to Vilcus we stopped in Posterville and spent the night. The Baptist Pioneer Mission is associated with a children's home for orphaned siblings there. Prior to arriving we got word that many of the 17 children did not have sufficient coats for the upcoming winter. We were able to obtain coats for these kids in Vallegrande. What a blessing to see their faces when they received them. Several of the smaller boys after receiving their coats did some laps around the house grinning from ear to ear. The children of this home attend Maranatha Baptist Church and missionary Gualberto and his family are in charge of their physical and spiritual welfare. The home needs some work, supplies, and the children do have some physical needs. If you desire to know more or have a burden to help just write us and we can get the information you desire.

Please Pray: Wisdom for us to follow the path God has planned for us, for Antonio in Vallegrande to continue coming to church, whom after seeing the JW's hounding him, we approached him and shared God's word, inviting him to church; he has been at church twice in the last month. Lourdes in Masicuri for salvation as God gave opportunity to share His Word with her, and the children's home.

Praises: for the Lord's guidance and protection for us, the opportunities to share Christ with others, the ability to understand more in a foreign tongue, and your prayers and support.

“For we are labourers together with God...” 1 Cor.3:9

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