



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

Dear Prayer partners,

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How especially thankful we are to know that we have faithful friends praying for us these days. Because there are many changes taking place in this country, there is a lot of tension. This month, we have stood in lines with the people several times for many hours just to get gas for cooking. Prices have been going up on everything as well. The man next to us said that the last time this happened was back in 1980 and then they had to stand in lines for meat, milk, gas, sugar, etc. We hope and pray that times don't get that hard for the people here, but the Lord knows what they need to be open to His Word.

We have made several more survey trips to a village named Alto Seco which means high and dry. One family of believers resides there but any others have left for some reason, along with many unbelievers which is something to consider prayerfully. This week we plan to return to Masicuri to see what the Lord has been doing there since we last visited.

Rick had some more good preaching opportunities this month in Pucara and Mairana. Mairana is a work which has been without a pastor that several seminary students and missionaries are keeping the pulpit filled for until they get someone to stay.

The Lord has been good to send some of the neighborhood children to our gate for Bible lessons almost daily when we are here. We are anticipating eagerly the materials we ordered for teaching in Spanish. Today Shiela made wordless bracelets with them.

The process went as well as can be expected up to this point for our 2 yr. visas. We visited lawyers, government agencies, and notaries for the required documents needed to be presented to Immigration. Thank you for praying. Now we will wait 2 months for them.

As some of you know, Rick has had an implant for several years in his back. With the many rough miles we have been covering, something has been torn loose inside and may be infected. For this reason, he and I will be traveling back to the U.S. for him to have emergency surgery on July 13th and returning to Bolivia on the 24th of July. We praise God that Rick has insurance and funds available for this through his retirement.

Please Pray: Wisdom for us to follow the path God has planned for us, for Antonio in Vallegrande and an opportunity for Rick to talk with him again. He has not been coming to church. Lourdes in Masicuri, we plan on visiting there this week and follow up on her.

Praises: for the Lord's guidance and protection for us, the opportunities to share Christ with others, the opportunity to preach God's Word in his Churches, and your prayers and support.

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

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