



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, family, and friends,

8/09/07

Since the time of the last mailing of this prayer letter time has passed by rapidly and we have covered thousands of miles in travel. We are sorry that the time has gotten away from us and we missed the mailing of the July prayer letter. Some of you receive our e-mail updates and therefore know what has been going on with us. If you wish to receive our e-mail updates please send us an e-mail stating so. Our e-mail is located at the bottom of this letter.

On the 7th through the 24th of July Sheila and I made an emergency trip to Alaska for an emergency surgery for me. I have a medical implant in my hip that is called a pain interrupter. It is the size of a small cell phone and is connected to wires in my spinal canal that have 8 eight electrodes each. With the condition I have, disk degenerative disease, sometimes pain is a problem. With this implanted device electronic signals are sent up the wire leads to the electrodes where they block the pain signals going to the brain. Praise the Lord for the knowledge that God has given mankind!

Scar tissue is what glues the implant in place. The problem was that these rough roads tore the implant away from the scar tissue and created an open wound inside my hip and there was a concern of infection traveling up the spinal canal. To shorten this story, we returned to Alaska, to the surgeon who implanted the device. He took out the old and relocated the new improved in a better location and all is healing well.

We praise the Lord for the opportunities to visit with our Brothers and Sisters in Christ at some of our supporting Churches and the opportunities to share Christ with others while traveling. We are very sorry that we could not visit everybody, for this we apologize. We also praise the Lord for the help we received from our supporting Churches. They helped us with lodging, transportation, financially, and most of all by lifting us up in prayer to our Lord and Savior.

We are now back in Bolivia, the children took good care of the house while we were gone. And our friends kept a good watch out for children. I am still moving a little slow as I am still healing, but we have resumed the responsibilities we have here. Last Sunday on the 5th we traveled to Mariana to preach and I am scheduled to return next week. Sheila is still having opportunities to teach some children in front of the house. After our trip to Mariana on the 12th we will travel on into Santa Cruz to retrieve our 2 year visas from Immigration, if they are approved and ready. Then we will immediately start the process of applying for our carnets (Ids).

Please Pray for: complete healing from my surgery, our language learning, that we will be directed to the place God would have us start a Church, approval of our 2 year visas, and the country of Bolivia and its volatile political situation.

Praises: For our safe travel to the U.S and back, God’s goodness, and your prayers.

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