



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,

We hope this finds you all well, enjoying the blessings of the Lord daily. If we but look for them, they abound even in the midst of trials.

The church here in Vallegrande had their first wedding since we came. It was a blessing to see this young couple make their vows before God and the over 150 people in attendance and you would never know that they had only announced it one week in advance by the abundance of decorations, flowers and food. Who says you need to plan for months and spend thousands of dollars on a ceremony? Here, they have the custom of “padrinos” which are people they ask to have the honor of providing certain things, like the cake, the ring, etc. It is also practiced for graduations and births. Each padrino gets a certificate naming them such to remember the event.

As of this week, we have completed and received the necessary documents for remaining in the country for two more years. Thanks for your prayers! It has taken many trips to Santa Cruz and much waiting but to us it is worth it. Valuable experience and opportunities are gained each time and the survey has been extended to several more villages.

Rick and several men from the church made a trip to Masicuri to look at the housing possibilities which at this point don't look very favorable. They had a good visit with Anna and her father, planting seeds of the Gospel that only God can make grow. Anna will make a good Christian when she gets saved with her earnest sincerity and hospitable ways.

I have had many new children come to the gate for daily Bible lessons. Through prayer this ministry has brought me into some of their homes, allowing me to share the Gospel with their older siblings and mothers as well for which I praise the Lord. He is so faithful to provide opportunities when we but ask Him for them!

Please pray with us for: Rick's continued healing; direction; safety; language; continued opportunities; salvation for: Ruth, Anna, Rodrigo and his mother, Adella, Lili, Alvaida, Riber, Fran; political condition of Bolivia

Praises: Visas and carnettes in hand, safety, increased opportunity, good health

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