



The Ackerman Family

Missionaries to Bolivia

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Greetings from the Ackerman family in Bolivia! September and early October has been a blur of activity. We had a team of doctors, dentists and 42 young people come from Cochabamba to minister at the church for two days. Every person heard the Gospel of Jesus Christ as they waited to be treated. The young people ministered in the plaza and in the schools here in San Lorenzo in drama. As a result, we have been invited to come back to the school every other month to teach Biblical values to the children.

Then, last week we had our annual conference in Tarija, the theme this year was “*Recovering Family Values*”. By the last night, our truck and the van we rented were busting at the seams with people from San Lorenzo. More than 500 people were present at the conference to hear what God’s plan is for the family. Several from our church received Christ and some couples now want to get married, Praise to the Lord!

Recently, we have been invited to another pueblo to minister, and yesterday we went for the first time to the school in Carachimayo. We are invited back as often as we can come to teach Biblical values on Fridays. While we are not able to directly evangelize, we are able to give them tracts and it is a way to get to know the people initially in the village. One of the families of the church in San Lorenzo is from here.

Beginning mid October, we will also be beginning Bible studies on Thursday nights in another village (Canasmoro) and have rented a large room to meet in. This is the village that we spoke of while on furlough, that has the teacher’s college (NORMAL) with around 700 students in addition to the local residents.

This past Sunday we had record attendance at the church in San Lorenzo with 44 people. The building we meet in is not very big so we are praying about making a portable building on the patio behind it that can be moved when the church purchases property some day. This would double the size and get us off of the noisy street.

The enemy has also noted that the Lord is working here and has placed a Jehovah Witness missionary couple just 2 doors down from us and has stepped up the pressure in our neighborhood. One of the elderly ladies that were saved on Thursday had them at her door on Saturday and they are offering toys to the children to encourage them to come to their services. The enemy is clever and wastes no time.

We are so thankful for your prayers! Without these, we believe these opportunities would not have opened up. Please keep it up!

Praises: The Lord is busy here!

Prayer requests: New ministries in Carachimayo and Canasmoro; New believers (Ruth, Vladimir, Juana, Marta, David, Elisiana, Arcilio); Faithfulness of the believers; wisdom; building project; Protection of the people from false cults; For workers to help us in this ministry; the health of Brother Florindo who has trichinosis, Weddings and baptisms soon!

I also I try to send out e-mail updates every two weeks, in between my prayer letters. If you are not receiving these updates by e-mail please respond to rackerman@bpmission.org and I will be glad to put you on our e-mail list so that you can keep current of our prayer needs.

For His Glory, Matt. 5:16.

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