



The Ackerman Family

Missionaries to Bolivia

Dear Family and Friends, Greetings in the name of the Lord Jesus!

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This past month has really been full of labor, trials and blessings. First of all, Luis Donaire the 40 year old brother of Yuli and Soledad passed away when he was on the way to the hospital in Cochabama to receive his pacemaker. This was very difficult for the family as we had just received a phone call from him stating how happy and grateful he was to God that he was going to have his implant in a matter of hours. We helped the family in any way we could but the widow was Catholic, so the funeral was too. The priest was very routine, unattached, and did his mass in a robotic fashion declaring that he hoped the deceased did not have to spend too much time in the flames of hell. I am so thankful I have the lively hope of Eternity with Christ!!

Our two oldest sons were able to come back and visit us for Christmas. They are still here and will be leaving the 22nd of Jan. Right after their arrival Sheila taught at a children's camp and took 5 kids from San Lorenzo in which 2 of them received the Lord.

We had a wonderful time celebrating Christ's birth with our whole family and our extended church family. With Brandon and Nathan back it seems our house became Grand Central Station with all the youth coming to visit them, so we decided the only way to have some time to talk, plan and have some quality time with our boys was to leave the area. So we went on a 7 day whirlwind tour of south western Bolivia or the "Caldera of the Andes" God's creation is truly wonderful and unbelievable. This was an area like Yellowstone situated in the high Andes desert and very primitive. The tour also included "Salar de Uyuni" the largest salt desert in the world and Bolivia's gold mine, as it is also the largest deposit of Lithium for batteries in the world. During the trip we found time talk with our two boys about their future plans, Brandon will continue at Pensacola Christian College and Nathan has it narrowed down to two Baptist Colleges. Most of all I will treasure the memories we made in this trip. Thank you Lord for this time together and for your wonderful Creation! We were able to talk with our guide and cook during this time too about the Lord.

This last week we and several other Ind. Baptist churches had a camp for our youth just north of San Lorenzo. The theme of the camp this year was "The Workshop of the Master" We had 206 young adults in attendance and many decisions were made for Christ. Amen!! We took 14 youth from San Lorenzo and one of them got saved, Alida. She has been coming for several months but still had one foot in the Catholic Church learning the traditions of men and was coming to learn of the LORD with us. Praise the LORD she is now born again! Now the kids are asking, when is the next camp? We need to do something for Carnival which is the week of 13 for our new believers so they are not tempted to participate.

Please continue to pray for: Safety for Brandon and Nathan as they fly to the states, the family of Luis Donaire. Since camp there has been a renewed enthusiasm among our youth, please pray with us that we would have wisdom in how to direct this enthusiasm and that the fire that was placed in their hearts would not be quenched by the enemy.

Praises: Yamil never went Argentina and Luis never went to Pando. Alida is saved! We are thankful that Martin is still coming. Yuli lead her niece, the daughter of Luis her brother, to Christ. For the teens and children saved at camp.

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