



The Ackerman Family

Missionaries to Bolivia

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Dear Family and Friends, what a blessing it is to be here in Bolivia sharing the truth of God's good news. Thank you for your prayers and your support, with out it we could not be here.

During the week of July 6-10 we had a 5 day Club for the kids in San Lorenzo. It was very well attended, with about 50 coming every day. I wrote in one of my e-mail updates that we had some excitement the first day. When two steers, that are used to plow the fields, charged us as we were settling down to tell the Lord thank you for our snacks. Every body scattered and at the last moment a dog came to our rescue and broke their charge.

The week was a blessing with two young boys accepting the Lord as their personal Savior, Luis Rodolfo and Alber. We can tell the Lord has worked in their hearts and Alber is not the same mean spirited boy that first came and they have been faithfully trying to come to every service.

Thank you for praying for Soledad and Yuli about being baptized. This last Sunday the 20th the Lord answered our prayers, they were both baptized in a very cold pool. Praise the Lord for their decision to follow the Lord in Believers baptism.

On another very sad note, we have had several young people stop coming because their parents are forbidding them to go to an evangelical church. They usually tell their kids "you are Catholic, you cannot go there anymore." And to the girls, that they will lose their right to have a big elaborate wedding in the Catholic Church. This is what 18 yr old Yoelma's mother told her. So she has been quietly attending and bringing her 2 sisters and younger brother to the services. Saturday night Yoelma came to the youth meeting and was very distraught about her mother going to her sister's Catholic wedding. It wasn't so much the wedding but Yoelma knows about the fiesta after, so Yoelma did not want to go and feared for the safety of her mother.

Sheila counseled her, and they decided to pray leaving the situation in the Lord's hands, praying that God would provide an opportunity to show the love of Christ to her mother. Yoelma showed up Sunday night after church with news that her mother had been beat very badly, cut, violated, robbed, and left for dead Sunday morning on a back road. This morning her mother wanted to talk to Sheila and she was able to talk with her for the 5 minutes allowed by the hospital. The crazy thing is the police have not investigated and they will not unless the victim's family pays them ahead of time.

It is difficult when you pray for God to intervene and something like this happens. All are saying that it is a miracle that she is alive. Please pray for Yoelma's mother that she will take note of this miracle and the wonderful salvation that has been provided for her by Jesus Christ and receive it in faith.

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