



The Ackerman Family

Missionaries to Bolivia

April 8, 2009

Dear Family, Friends and Prayer Partners, Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. It is with much joy we write to you this month. Not simply because God has blessed us here in Bolivia, but because He was pleased with the finished work of His Son Jesus Christ on the Cross of Calvary. And because of this Christ is not buried in a grave somewhere in Jerusalem but is alive in Heaven at the right hand of the Father. Christianity is the only "religion" that worships and serves a risen King. But let us not be content with religion; pursue a relationship with the King of kings. He is available to all that call upon Him! *"Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession..... 16. Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need"* Hebrews 5:14, 16

We have discontinued the Hora Feliz in the plaza and started to have it here at the house in our neighborhood on Sunday mornings. The first time there was a small group but last week we had a good group of 25 with some parents showing interest. It is better here because it is now more structured like a Sunday school with more emphasis on teaching the Bible. We also have more involvement from some of those who come on Sunday and Wed. nights.

During this week a Baptist Church in Tarija is having meetings Thursday – Sunday. Pastor Mario has invited several other Baptist churches to participate with dramas and specials; he already has a guest speaker. Our turn is Saturday night to present a 20 min drama and do a couple of specials. This should be a lot fun and spiritually profitable. We have hired a van and with my truck we could take as many as 35. This is a very good alternative to the Pascua drinking celebration in San Lorenzo. So we are praying that many will take this opportunity and accept the invitation to join us.

On another note I have been asked by a friend who is a Christian lawyer to do a Bible study in Tarija with some of his friends who are not Believers. We are trying to do this every other Friday night. We have met twice so far and there seems to be a genuine interest. Also a young lady named Joelma has accepted Christ as her Savior. She had been attending the youth meetings last year but stopped coming. Then last Saturday she came and went straight to Sheila before the meeting and asked "Can we talk?" She never made it into the meeting, but Christ found His way into her heart. Praise the Lord!

Please pray that the Believers here would grow strong in their relationship with Christ; that the youth would glorify Christ in their drama; that we would find another place more suitable to meet (we are full on Saturdays); that more adults would attend; and for the Sunday school ministry

Praises: Joelma and a young man, "Rafael" have accepted Christ! I wrote about Rafael in one of our e-mail updates two weeks ago. Two of our sons Brandon and Nathan will be graduating this summer, Brandon in May and Nathan in July. Brandon has been accepted to Pensacola Christian College and Nathan will continue at Anchor Academy as a helper.

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