



The Ackerman Family - Missionaries to Bolivia

Dear prayer partners, family and friends, we have much to write about in this letter but I promise to keep it to our original format, one page. First we want to praise the Lord for putting it in the hearts of 6 of our people to be baptized this last Sunday: (Armando, Asunta), (Aldo, Daysi, their daughter Luciana), and then (Maria Elena). It was a great day for baptisms and fellowship and a wonderful time at the Lord's Table that evening. But as you know the devil does not like our obedience to Gods Word. Last night at prayer time I asked for prayer for those who were baptized because the devil will attack and they all acknowledged that he had.

This coming March 11 – 13 we start our first real family conference. We have had others in Tarija but it seems the guest preachers always got off topic. So the Lord gave me this idea. Invite 5 like-minded pastors to preach one message one night of the conference. I give them each the same book and asked each one to choose 1 topic in the book to preach, but allowing the Holy Spirit to guide them. The book is called "The Christian Home" and deals with why we need God; in our personal lives, in our marriage, in our homes, as husbands and wives, and as Fathers and Mothers. The idea is then after this conference is done It can be rescheduled in the other churches at a later date, with the same preachers preaching their same message.

We are also gearing up for our Reformers Unanimous ministry. This ministry is so needed here, with Bolivia being #1 in Alcoholism in South America and our department of Tarija being #1 in Bolivia. Every single day we see the devastating affects of this. We know we cannot help everybody but if one alcoholic can be delivered by the power of God and his wife and children have a secure and loving home it will be worth it. However I am praying for more, please pray with us. This ministry should start when my Sheila returns from the states in April.

We find it necessary for Sheila to return to the states for the medical necessity of our daughter Sharon who is at Shepherds College, in Wisconsin. Sharon has Cerebral palsy and suffers from petit mal seizures. The seizures have been controlled by her meds. But in mid Feb. it was brought to our attention that she is having complications with her meds. The number of her seizures is increasing as well as the duration of them. She was admitted to the ER on one occasion because during a seizure she walked out in front of a slow moving van in the parking lot and remembers nothing. Sharon is scheduled to be admitted to the hospital on the 18th for a 5 day long EEG with video so her doctor can get a handle on what is transpiring in her brain. While the Shepherds staff is doing a wonderful job, we feel it is necessary for Sheila to return and be with Sharon during this critical time of her treatment. Sheila leaves on the 16 of March and will return the 8 of April.

On another note please pray for my continued recovery I (Ricky) was hospitalized for 3 days with a severe kidney infection. While I am almost completely recovered I still have to make some dietary changes and take it easy for 2 more months. Also the house we are renting is falling apart and the growing mold on the walls is causing some health issues with Sheila. We have asked the landlord to fix some of these things but he will not. We have been looking for another place to rent but with no luck. However the Lord has lead us to a small lot, to which we are considering to buy and build something small.

3/7/2013 Prayer requests: Strength and protection for the newly baptized brothers and sisters in Christ; the Family Conference March 11 -15; The Reformers Unanimous ministry here in San Lorenzo; faithfulness of believers to the Lord; for Sharon's health and Sheila's trip to U.S.; wisdom in buying a small lot to build a small house; workers in the ministry (help).

Praises: the six baptisms, and the privilege of being able to minister.

For His Glory, Matt. 5:16.

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