



The Ackerman Family - Missionaries to Bolivia

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Happy New Year to all of our friends and family.

We have had our first wedding in San Lorenzo. Daysi and Aldo Donaire were united in Holy Matrimony on Dec. 21. Then Sheila and I renewed our wedding vows on the 4 of January. Both events were a blessing to the church, and to us.

The last week of January we are planning our vacation bible schools in San Lorenzo and Canasmoro.

We have a very urgent prayer request. As many of you know we bought a lot from a Christian friend. When we were looking we found out that there are no properties that have been registered in the Gov. land office in the San Lorenzo area. This is due to the fact the Gov. has not registered any of them so people bought land with a simple contract done by a lawyer. When we bought the land we were not looking, Brother Armando had a need of money and it was on good faith we purchased the lot. We knew the Gov. was moving through the area registering properties and were told all would be fine, by the lawyer, friends and even the Gov. land office, since we were residents of Bolivia.

Well The Gov. land office is here and is registering the properties in our area. It was all going well until tonight when they told us we cannot be given a title to the land because the Gov. land office does not recognize foreign residents for this program and there is no other way to register the land. We were told we could own land but the original title had to be a national Bolivian.

Therefore we have two options #1: We do nothing and the gov. seizes the lot and house. Or #2: The property gets registered in the name of Brother Armando, and we have a contract drawn up stating that he will upon receiving the official title, turn it over to us. Then we can do a transfer of ownership with the gov. from him to us.

I will not gloss over it; we are concerned and could really use your prayers for strength and wisdom. We have invested so much and do not want to see it taken away. We desire to be good stewards of what God has entrusted to us. The good news is Brother Armando has agreed to help us with this, but he is no spring chicken and this process could take a year or two, so pray for his health. We pray our faith and our love for God will remain strong and we will grow through this whole ordeal.

"And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose."

Romans 8:28

The ministries continue in San Lorenzo, Canasmoro, and Cirmenuela. Will are still gathering for Reformers Unanimous and doing our discipleships with Diter and Saida. All is well on the ministry home front ☺

Prayer requests Wisdom and strength for us in ministry and during this process of getting the land titled; The RU ministry in San Lorenzo; keep praying for the young lady, Yuli: Salvation of the Aldana and Zenteno families, someone or a family to help us in the ministry here, the vacation Bible schools, Rick's right knee: arthroscopic surgery here in Bolivia and some injections after all settles down, probably in March now. Brother Armando's health (He is the one that received a pace maker last year.) Safety for Brandon.

Praises: The opportunity to shine for Christ, Progress on the house, Faithful prayer partners of which without you, we could not be here. The time we got to spend with our son, Joel during Christmas.

For His Glory, Matt. 5:16.

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