



The Ackerman Family - Missionaries to Bolivia

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Dear Family and Prayer Partners, Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

I know you have heard it many times before but I will say it again as we mean it, we are so thankful for your prayers for us and this ministry. Without you we do not know what we would do. Thank you Lord for our Prayer Partners!

Being a missionary in a foreign land brings many blessings and many trials. It seems when you think you've seen just about everything the Lord sends something else your way for another lesson. You are probably thinking what is going on?

A lot, the home nest is about to become very empty as Joel and Sharon leave us and fly to the states. I will be taking Sharon to Shepherds College in WI and Joel will be going to Alaska to work on a friend's boat for the summer/fall then attend college in the Spring Semester. I will return to Bolivia after taking Sharon to a couple of doctor's appts. and getting her settled in at Shepherds College. Nathan is still in MO working for the Anchor Academy and making plans to attend PCC in the fall. Our Brandon is on the war front in Afghanistan finishing up his 4th month of a 9month deployment. It is an understatement to say we are not concerned as parents. It hit us the other day that our children will be in three different continents; Alaska, Afghanistan, and the States. I know Alaska and the States are on the same continent, but they are so far apart they seem like separate pieces of earth.

Sheila will stay in Bolivia and see that the ministries keep running. We have some great help, my friends Missionary Paul Frizzell, and Pastor Arcil will be preaching on Sundays while I am gone. Then we have a wonderful blessing in that Tyler and Sandra Miller are coming to stay with Sheila and help with Wednesday night services, youth night and Tuesday night service in Canasmoro. This young missionary couple is praying on where they should serve the Lord in Bolivia and are considering this area so please pray for wisdom for them as to God's will. If the Lord leads them here fulltime we will rejoice!!

Reports on the ministries. As some of you know it is winter here and the cold weather has affected attendance, keeping some away on the colder nights. And the weather guy says it is going to be a record breaking cold winter this year. The ministry in Canasmoro is growing little by little. The attendance in the ministry in San Lorenzo has declined somewhat. We have had a good number who have been enticed away by false teachers. But we praise the Lord He has brought us some others who have been very faithful. It is very hard, as any pastor will tell you, to invest so much time in a person discipling and ministering to them and their family's needs and then see them fail to heed our cries and be carried away by a false doctrine. It pains me greatly to say Brother Florindo and his family are some of them who have been led astray. And now we cling to the verse in, Matt. 25:40 "... *Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.*"

We also cry as Paul cried in Galatians 3:1-3 "...*O foolish Galatians, who hath bewitched you, that ye should not obey the truth*"

Please Pray for: God to touch Bro. Florindo's heart with His truth, the work in Canasmoro and San Lorenzo, for Wilson, the families of Sandro, Aldo, and Marcos Antonio to remain faithful and to grow in God's grace, our up coming trip to the States, the funding for Sharon's College, for Brandon and his teams safety, the safety of my wife and partner in ministry while I am travelling, VBS in July.

Praises: the arrival of Tyler and Sandra Miller and their baby daughter Lilly. Aldo and Daisy returned to fellowship, God's Faithfulness and your faithfulness and support

For His Glory, Matt. 5:16.

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