

## The Ackerman Family - Missionaries to Bolivia

September 20, 2014

Greetings to all of you who are faithfully lifting us up in prayer! We are so thankful for your support in the work here! Spring has arrived with all of the planting activities that come with it. El Barranco is a busy place with all of the farmers and their oxen in the fields.

The VBS clubs were well attended in each community that we visited, but by far the most enthusiastic and fruitful bunch was in Sella Mendez. This was the first time we have done an activity in that community with the children and we were received very well. It was an encouragement and blessing to have the seminary students here that week to help. We would certainly like to follow up at least once a month with a children's club there and are praying about this.

Speaking about Sella Mendez, there is a family there that would like to see a Bible Study there on a more regular basis. We stop by and visit them periodically and they come to the church in San Lorenzo when they can, but transportation is a great problem for them.

We have had some great opportunities to minister to some family members of one newcomer and rejoice to report that her son, Oliver; and two grandchildren, Tatiana and Diago all prayed to receive Christ a few weeks ago. They live in La Paz.

Sheila is meeting with several of the young ladies in the church for discipleships. Rick is planning to be focusing on the subject of being a disciple of Jesus in the next month and would appreciate prayer. We have implemented a discipleship program in the past but have found that most drop off somewhere about half way through. We just attended a workshop on this subject and have renewed conviction to continue.

The work in Canasmoro will celebrate it's 3<sup>rd</sup> anniversary in October, so we are planning a 2 night outreach there the 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. We now have direct access to the street with a large open door, which is more inviting to first time visitors.

Attendance has been up and down at the work in San Lorenzo. Our prayer is that the people would see the importance of being faithful to put God first in their lives. They are so easily affected by the weather, fiestas, and personal struggles.

**Prayer requests:** Family Conference 23-26 of Sept.: Outreach in Canasmoro Oct. 20-21; Wisdom about Sella Mendez; faithfulness of the brethren; Discipleships

**Praises:** Salvation of Oliver, Tatiana, Diago; Adelma has seen improvement in her situation; Daysi and the baby (Sarai) are both healthy.

For His Glory, Matt. 5:16. Rick & Sheila Ackerman

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