



The Ackerman Family - Missionaries to Bolivia

Dear prayer partners, family and friends, greetings from Bolivia, where we are now entering into winter and much colder nights. In March we had another baptism, Sandro Caceres was baptized. Please pray for Sandro as the devil, true to his character was not slack in his attacking. We had a great family conference on March 11 – 15 the church was faithful to attend and it was a great time of hearing God's plan for the family. On a sad note this conference revealed the hardness of the hearts in the community, because we had very few who attended from outside the church. We now understand that doing a conference during Lent in a prominently catholic community was not good timing because the people tried hard to be good Catholics during this time, and attending a Bible believing church would not be viewed as a good thing.

As good Bolivian Catholics they will be celebrating the Cross this month, which means we will have to move our services this weekend because the church is located where the fiesta will be. This celebration involves heavy drinking and dancing at the foot of a 20-foot tall cross in honor of Christ. This celebration will fill the street with loud sensual music and much drunkenness and all the immorality that comes with it.

We are still preparing for our Reformers Unanimous ministry. There was a lot more to preparation than we anticipated, but we in the church are excited to get this ministry up and running soon. For those of you who are not familiar with RU it is a Christ based additions program with a +90% success rate. Please pray with us, that many in the community will see their need for help and for Christ. We are also planning to meet with the Mayor and the Police to introduce RU to them also.

After much prayer we have purchased a lot in El Barranco, a small community on the other side of the river of San Lorenzo. We had worked out a deal 2 years ago with the owner of our rented house, that we would pay extra a month so he could invest in fixing the roof. Well he told us earlier this year that he would make no repairs and the only investment he was going to make was to tear down the house and start over, (yes the house is in bad shape). With that knowledge and the fact that there is mold in the walls affecting the health of Sheila we looked for other homes to rent, but with no luck. Therefore we bought a lot at a discounted price from Brother Armando and will construct a small house. We have already had opportunity to minister in this new community.

Thank you for your prayers for our daughter Sharon, the Dr. has lowered her medication levels and the side affects have subsided. However she still suffers from her seizures. Also, a big thanks to Old Paths Baptist Church, Glennallen, AK for the wonderful care package you sent to her. It was very well received and enjoyed by Sharon and her friends.

The work in Canasmoro is continuing. This last week we had an evangelistic outreach and a movie outside. It was well attended by 25 persons, but it turned very cold, so needless to say the people were anxious to return to their houses and to bed. I (Ricky) also had the opportunity to preach in Carachimayo 3 times for a pastor friend while he went to visit his ailing mother and father. Also I would like to share that we have seen some precious fruit from some of the members of the church, especially Aldo and Deysi. We went and visited the family of one of her students that she has been ministering to. Even though they live in another community we took them to a like-minded church in Tarija so they could be introduced to my pastor friend. It was precious because in the kids Sunday school were several of her students from the secular school class that she has been ministering to and to top it all off when we dropped the mother off with her 5 kids at her home, she was overcome with emotion because someone cared, wow it was precious.

3/7/2013 **Prayer requests:** Strength and protection for the newly baptized brothers and sisters in Christ; The Reformers Unanimous ministry in San Lorenzo; pray for the young lady Yuli who has strayed from Christ, faithfulness and commitment for the Church in San Lorenzo and Canasmoro. **Praises:** Brother Sandro's baptism, Sharon's health, the growth in Christ of some of the members.

For His Glory, Matt. 5:16.

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