



## The Ackerman Family - Missionaries to Bolivia

Dear Family and Prayer Partners

April 11, 2012

A lot has happened since the last update, we have passed through the horrible time known as carnival, and the worldly celebration of Passover in San Lorenzo. Both of these events are drunken festivals that last for over a week. Praise the Lord many of those coming to church did not fall into the snares of the Devil. However we did have one family get entangled and now we must pray that they would see their need to be free. Please pray for Aldo and Daisy.

In March we worked with several Baptist Churches of Tarija to host a Fundamental Baptist Conference to encourage the churches in Bolivia. We had over 400 in attendance and there was some outstanding teaching and fellowship during the four-day conference.

The work in San Lorenzo is still doing well. We escaped the worst day of carnival by taking the church out into country for an all day picnic and play, followed by a message from the Word and singing to our Lord. In late March we welcomed Karla a young lady and Wilson Aban a university student into the family of God. Sadly the young mother (Gudelia) who accepted the Lord in Feb has moved away. But she moved with Christ in her heart. The Lord also has brought a young Christian family into the church. Their names are Sandro and Maria Elena and their two young children. They are in a spiritual struggle so please pray for them.

The work in Canasmoro is growing, and Tuesday night we made a move from our room 100 yards off the road, in a cornfield, to a room that is on the main road. The room is smaller but we also have access to another room for a children's study. We praise the Lord for this new location. In the service Tuesday night we had over 20 with 15 being from Canasmoro.

Concerning Brother Florindo Vazquez, he has not been able to have his treatment for his tumor. His surgery had to be postponed because the hospital was only accepting emergencies during carnival, then the doctor went on vacation, and then there were the government medical strikes that were off and on. Since there was no satisfactory agreement between the government and the doctors we have an open ended strike by the medical profession. While he waits his eyesight deteriorates, all he can see now is shadows. He is still trusting God will do the healing and we seek the Lord's will together in prayer. I wanted to thank all of you who have donated towards the medical expenses of Brother Florindo, please contact me at [rackerman@bpmission.org](mailto:rackerman@bpmission.org) for more information.

Our family is doing well overall, our son Brandon is now deployed to a war zone in Afghanistan, he has already had a couple close calls but we praise the Lord for His protection.

Our daughter Sharon has been accepted to Shepherds College in Wisconsin and starts her classes July 29. If you have never heard of Shepherds College please check it out at, [www.shepherdscollege.org](http://www.shepherdscollege.org) We are so very excited for her, this is a wonderful opportunity for her to learn how to be independent. Please pray for her and for us as we trust the Lord for the funding of her education. She is such a treasure to us and we will miss our girl.

**Please Pray for:** Healing and wisdom for Bro. Florindo, the work in Canasmoro and San Lorenzo, Aldo and Daisy to be restored to fellowship, the new believers Wilson and Karla, for Sandro and his families spiritual struggles, for the funding for Sharon's College, and for Brandon and his teams safety.

**Praises:** the salvation of Wilson and Karla, Sharon's acceptance to Shepherds college, the new room in Canasmoro and and for God's Faithfulness and your faithfulness and support.

*For His Glory, Matt. 5:16.*

*Rick & Sheila Ackerman*

**Sending Church**  
Mt. View Baptist Church  
Copper Center, AK  
(907)-822-5262

**Mission Agency (Support)**  
Baptist Pioneer Mission  
P.O. Box 5114  
Kincheloe, MI. 49788  
(906)-495-5203  
[www.baptistpioneermission.org](http://www.baptistpioneermission.org)

**Field Address**  
Rick & Sheila Ackerman  
**Casilla #490**  
Tarija, Bolivia  
South America