



The Ackerman Family

Missionaries to BOLIVIA

"Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord." 1 Cor. 15:58

Dear Praying Partners, family and friends.

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With your prayers and the help of the believers and missionaries of Vallegrande we loaded up and moved to San Lorenzo, Bolivia the first week of November. Pastor Pantoja and the Bible Baptist Church of Tarija have welcomed us and have given me opportunity to practice my preaching in Spanish.

We had an interesting line of events that the Lord used to lead us down here. First, we began knocking on the door of this opportunity, then our old landlord told us that she had sold the house and we had one month to vacate. The same day she notified us of this, Pastor Pantoja let us know his house was available for us to rent. Isn't God merciful! We prayed about it and immediately had peace that this was the will of God for us. This decision was confirmed by a Scripture I read during my daily devotions.

During the move, the Lord protected us and our boys (who rode in the big truck with our furniture) and kept back the rain. We made it just in time as now the rains have started and it is heating up politically with road blocks and strikes; making travel even more unpredictable than before. At this end, He gave us the strength needed after the 25 hour drive down, to unload the cargo truck, clean the house, and move out furniture that was already in the house.

Now it is time to get to know the people around us and little by little we are getting to meet the locals. It is an exciting time for our family since we have been praying for these people since 2004 when God called us to Bolivia as missionaries.

I was thinking today concerning our own Christmas celebration and the question came to me, who is Christ to me at this time of year? Many times at Christmas we reflect on and celebrate this miracle of a virgin born baby in a manger, who was our gift from God the Father. But when we celebrate a member of our family's birthday we seldom reflect back to that day of birth and focus on their infancy, rather we focus on their age and of their accomplishments. Yes, it is important to remember the birth of the child Jesus, but more important let us not forget to celebrate this Christmas who He is, what He has and will accomplish. He is the KING of KINGS, and LORD of LORDS, Prince of Peace, The Alpha and Omega, Horn of salvation, the Author and Finisher of our faith. "Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift". 2 Cor. 9:15

Our prayer this month is that all of you will have a very blessed Christmas!

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