



The Ackerman Family - Missionaries to Bolivia

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It is with a grateful heart I greet all our Prayer Partners, and family! Why? Because God is Awesome!! My knee replacement surgery was a success and my recovery is amazing to my doctor and therapist. I must be honest and say, the first two days after surgery I was thinking, why did you do this Rick Ackerman? But thanks to your prayers, the healing came and some hard work at therapy is paying off.

Our daughter's graduation from Shepherds College is on June 13. Praise the Lord she has been accepted in the Catalyst program that allows her to live with appropriate independence in a home with at least 2 other ladies. Sharon's first day in the program will be July 1. Thank you to all who sent her a card, you should be receiving a thank you card from her as I did see her making some out the other day.

The ministry in Bolivia with Ellis and Jillian at the helm is doing well. Ellis and Jillian are showing their commitment in the face of adversity. Why do I say that? Well any ministry has its trials, but then throw on top of it losing your transportation. Ellis informed me last week that while crossing the river the truck made a very bad sound and lost all power. My trusted mechanic was called and he said it was serious. The truck was towed the 30 miles to his shop where it was determined that a valve broke off, fell into the cylinder and the piston pushed it up into the head. The truck is now being fixed and the total cost is to be around **16,357 bolivianos or \$2,350 dollars**. We had prepared for our travel to the U.S., we prepared for the co-pays on my surgery, but this vehicle problem could not have happened at a worse time for us. The finances are stretched and it leaves our co-workers without a decent mode of transportation to take care of the ministry. If you would like to help us with this need please send your donation to Baptist Pioneer Mission with a note stating it is for the Ackerman Truck Repair Fund. Your help would be a tremendous blessing.

May 27 in Bolivia is Mothers Day. Ellis informed me the church has decided to celebrate Mothers Day Sunday Night May 31st. Many in the community are invited and Ellis will be preaching a Mothers Day message, then as always after being fed spiritually; the men will serve the mothers a Mothers Day meal. Please pray that all will go well, God will be honored, some would be encouraged, and some saved. Ellis also informed me that the lady named Charo is now coming regularly and even when her friend and our sister in Christ Erica is out of town. Aldo and Daysi who were struggling seem to be back on track, but keep praying for Sandro and Maria.

We are excited to be going to Alaska for a short furlough June 26 – July 26 and we are looking forward to visiting all our supporters in the Last Frontier. Also we have new prayer cards. If you are a church in the Lower 48 states which would like some prayer cards; or an individual who would like one; just e-mail me at rickyack@icloud.com and let me know how many you would like and we will send them to you. For the churches in Alaska I will be bringing them with me.

Prayer requests Please pray for; The Mothers Day outreach; that God would work in the hearts of (Sandro and Maria); for Ellis and Jillian as they minister in San Lorenzo; God would provide the funds for the repair of our vehicle; and that the repair would be done well. **Praises:** A successful knee surgery, my recuperation; Charo is coming to church, God's provision in Ellis and Jillian Narcisse; Sharon graduating.

For His Glory, Matt. 5:16
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