



The Ackerman Family

Missionaries to Bolivia

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Dear Prayer Partners and Family, hello from San Lorenzo, Bolivia.

The Ackerman family is doing well and we have no complaints just requests for your prayers.

First the good news, Julie DonAire Soruco, one of the girls that have been coming to the Jovenes Club has accepted Jesus Christ as her Savior. What a blessing it is to see her hungry for the Word as she works through the discipleship booklets.

We also made a trip to Salta Argentina, it was a good trip and we were able to help out a missionary from Mexico by doing some children's ministry there. It was a prosperous trip, as we were able to sow the Word of God in some children's hearts. We also got to know other Believers, and if by chance there were some serious problems here we would be familiar with the border crossings and where we could go.

The other day at Hora de Feliz we were teaching on the Bible being the Word of God. I think we were also talking about the peace one can have when they know Jesus Christ as your Savior. Then from out of the blue one little girl said *"I have many Saints on a table next to my bed that protects me."* The last time I wrote that this community has 400 years of history of Idol worship. Then there are the statements that come from others who have said San Lorenzo is one of most idolatrous places in Bolivia. I would say at least twice a month there is some kind of Saint being paraded through the streets and a fiesta thrown in their name. These statements reinforced to me why we are here. I just pray we will be able to reach more and they will embrace the hope we can have in Jesus Christ.

An update on the political situation, the confidence vote is over and the president and most of the governors that oppose him remain in office. This has caused them to entrench their positions. The bad news is, as I write there are major confrontations in Santa Cruz, Tarija, and several other places where the opposing sides are clashing. The military and police have been overpowered thus resulting in gas pipelines being shutdown, buildings being seized and looted. There have been roadblocks for two weeks stopping all goods from crossing the borders into and from Argentina, Paraguay, and Brazil. On the local level the roads have been blocked for 3 days. There is no gasoline, propane and meat is becoming scarce. The people on both sides of the issue are getting fed up and tempers are high. In the news tonight they just reported that the president has asked the US Ambassador to leave Bolivia on the pretense that the USA is in some way behind the violence.

I am sure thankful for our house and the quiet little neighborhood we live in. If I wasn't watching the news I would think all is well here. As I close this letter a thought comes to my mind about how thankful I am that all is well with my soul. I hope you can have same thoughts. *"The LORD redeemeth the soul of his servants: and none of them that trust in him shall be desolate."* Psalm 34:22

Please pray for Bolivia, the Jovenes Club, and the Hora de Feliz

Praises: Our good health, the salvation of Julie DonAire Soruco, the opportunity to be where God wants us.

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