



*Rick and Sheila Ackerman Serving the Lord Jesus Christ, in Bolivia*

Dear Prayer and Ministry Partners.

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Greetings from Bolivia, where it is winter. We had a cold spell of below freezing for a week. But since then, the weather has been very nice with highs in the low 70's and nighttime temps around 40°. I wish I could say the same about the political climate. I will try to brief as possible, because a lot has been going on with the attempt to overthrow a democratically elected government. I want to assure you we are ok and are out of harms way here in Southern Bolivia.

What it comes down to is this, the old socialist president, who was forced out of office in 2019 after he decided stay when his term was up, has returned and wants to be in charge again. He is the head of a cartel in Bolivia and since the newly elected president is pro USA and has signed agreements to let the DEA back into Bolivia, Evo Morales feels threatened. He has very good reasons to be, as his empire is being threatened. And his bosses above him feel threatened as well.

The method of this war so far is to pay rural indigenous peoples from the northern areas, where the cocoa and drug production takes place, to block roads and starve the cities of La Paz, El Alto, and others. And if the people do not want to block, they are forced to, by way of threats, beatings, and destruction of property. Reports are coming out now where even Christians are being, beaten and forced to mobilize, or pay the price, we have heard of one death so far of a Christian. When these blockades happen not even ambulances are permitted to pass with their patients. So far more than 10 people have lost their lives in the 90 blockades in the country. Hospitals have run out of oxygen, gas and diesel is very scarce, and food is scarce and very costly. It is a humanitarian crisis since these blockades have been going on for 34 days.

Due to the humanitarian crisis, the new president today called out the police and the military to start unblocking roads. We welcome this decision, but this is a very unpredictable situation, because the socialist movement has only one demand, the resignation of the president. And with the Pres. Rodrigo Paz having the backing of the USA, I do not see this happening. You may be seeing more of Bolivia in the US news if, and when the DEA decides to come for Nicoles Maduro's friend, Evo Morales.

The ministry is doing well, I have been preaching some messages out of the book of Job, What a gold mine! We had a discipleship last night and two new believers decided to follow the Lord in Believers baptism. This is always exciting, and we have another wanting to get baptized also.

We also started on Phase 3 of the church building project. Which is a parsonage for a new pastor and his family. This phase also includes a bedroom for a guest and some other dual-purpose rooms. Praise the Lord, we have enough money for the roughing in, and we trust the Lord will provide for the finish work, of windows, doors, tile, etc.

My back is doing good, but I still can feel my limitations. The church has been great, in making sure I keep myself from overdoing it. On May 24 we had our Bolivians Mother's Day celebration after church. It was well attended and it was a great success. Even the ladies said the men did a great job in the cooking 10 oven baked chickens, with the side dishes. We even cleaned up. I was washing dishes when all of sudden, a lovely 75+ year-young lady in the church grabbed me and forcibly pulled me from the kitchen and promptly scolded me, for doing dishes, telling me I need to sit down and take care of myself. 😊

**Please pray for:** Our health, the crisis in Bolivia, and for those who desire to be baptized to go through with it.

**Praise:** for the goodness and faithfulness of God, and the decisions to be baptized.

We thank the Lord for you all, you make it possible for us to be here. We appreciate your prayers for us, and for your sacrifice in giving to this ministry.

For His Glory, Rick & Sheila Ackerman

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