



## The Ackerman Family

Missionaries to Bolivia

24 of February 2010

Dear Family and Friends, Greetings in the name of the Lord Jesus!

All I can say is the time really flies! On the 25<sup>th</sup> I turn 50 and I am wondering how this happened so fast. The month of May marks our fourth year in Bolivia, which means we need to be planning for our furlough. Our plans are to return to the States in mid-June and our first meeting will be Kinross, Michigan where our Mission Board is having a missions Institute June 21-24. We will also be enrolling Joel, our youngest, in Maple Wood Christian Academy for his senior year. After the missions Institute we will make a short visit with our other son Brandon, who will be in Penn. working for the summer. Then we will start our long trek northward across Canada and finally Alaska. It will have been 5 years since we have seen many of our friends and supporters in Alaska. Before we get frozen or snowed- in, we will head south through the Northwest, to the Mid West, and then the hard winter in Texas then probably back to the Midwest.

We want to visit all of you who graciously support this ministry in prayer. We truly want to be good stewards of our time and the funds that God has provided. With this thought in mind can you pastors please send me some dates of when you would like us to come and visit your church? Tentatively (July-Sept. Alaska), (Oct. Pacific NW), (Nov. Midwest), (Jan.-Mar. Texas), (Apr.-May Midwest & Michigan) June return to Bolivia.

These plans depend on whether or not we can find someone to take over the ministry while we are gone. So please pray with us about a wonderful national Christian couple taking over the ministry for a year. Their names are Arcil and Elizabeth and their new born Matias. Another American missionary and good friend (Paul Frizzell) planted a church in Tabladitas years ago and he led Arcil to the Lord, Arcil then graduated from his Bible Institute and wants to serve the Lord. Arcil and Elizabeth have both Bro. Paul and Pastor Roberto (their current Pastor), full support in coming to San Lorenzo. Arcil and Elizabeth are now waiting for a confirmation from our LORD.

Sunday the 21<sup>st</sup> was a very good day. Carnival was officially ended; the village put the devil back in his cave. If you remember they start carnival in January by releasing the graven image of the devil from his cave and ask him to bring about his influence over the fiestas, and with glee I think he obliges them. For some reason this year San Lorenzo decided to make another image of the devil so now they have two. Also on the 21<sup>st</sup> we had several who visited once before, return for the evening services so that also made the 21<sup>st</sup> a good day.

The worst part of carnival for us is when San Lorenzo has its turn to host the events. When this happens thousands descend on San Lorenzo to celebrate in an all out drunkenness. It was during this day we took those from the church who wished to go, to the Falls of Corona for an all day picnic, swimming and hiking. The ten of us had a great day and I finished the day with a message on temptation. The day before and after we offered our home as a City of refuge for those who wanted to escape the temptation and have Christian fellowship. We were pleased several took us up on the offer and we were saddened by those who did not.

**Please continue to pray for:** Wisdom for us as we minister and plan for furlough; growth in Christ for the Believers here; Arcil and Elizabeth to make the right decision, and our travel to a pastor's conference in Santa Cruz March 8-12.

**Praises:** God's Goodness and Faithfulness  
Simply His Servants and for His Glory

*Rick & Sheila Ackerman*

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