



The Ackerman Family

Missionaries to Bolivia

Dear Praying friends,

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We are so thankful for your prayers for our family and this ministry. We have had a couple of good Horas Felizes since I last wrote, though our help from the church in Tarija has slackened off. God is stretching us some, which is good. During the Resurrection weekend we were not able to have our Hora Feliz, because San Lorenzo was having their Pascua celebration where we normally meet.

"San Lorenzo is Passover," so the banners said around town. I was a little confused; I thought Christ was the Christian's Passover! Flowers were everywhere and the plaza was decorated beautifully. The Catholic Church put on a passion play followed by a procession Friday night and people came from as far as Argentina. On Saturday the streets were filled with vendors selling homemade alcohol, there were bands and dancing. The party went on through Sunday night and even till Monday. "God is dead, he is in the tomb, therefore He cannot see," was the answer relayed to us as we asked "Is this not supposed to be a religious holiday even for Catholics? I guess this is why the Catholic Church also offers mass and confession every day.

The elderly man named Jose who comes to all the Horas Felizes, is under pressure from the Jehovah Witnesses to stop our Bible studies. But praise the Lord he still comes and asks questions.

Oberdan who asked us to visit him and his family to talk about the Bible is a hard one to catch up with. This is because he is a very busy person. So we will keep trying to meet with him.

We have also met another family; the father's name is Armando and his wife Asunta. They have four children living at home. Their two teen age girls have befriended our children. They have been playing basketball and even have been going to the "Jovenes Club" (Youth Club). Now an interest is arising in starting our own Club here in San Lorenzo.

The Spanish lessons with our teacher, Graciela, are going well. She tells us we can write sentences about our faith for home work as we practice certain grammar and verb forms. This has been interesting. After she reads some Biblical truth in our homework she at times will go off on a discussion explaining her New Age view. We in turn then have a short period to present God's Truth to her. When she gets too uncomfortable we move on.

Note: Please do not send mail to our church address in Alaska. Please send it to us here in Tarija, Bolivia

Please pray for: Graciela, Oberdan, Armando's family; Jose; Wisdom about a place to meet as a church; travel safety in April. **Praises:** Good health and your prayers.

Simply His Servants

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