



**RICK AND SHEILA ACKERMAN  
MINISTERING IN BOLIVIA**

Happy New Year Dear Prayer and Ministry Partners.

12 of January 2026

We are super excited about what the Lord is going to do this New Year. How do I know He will do great things in 2026 because He did great things in 2025, and He has done great things since the beginning of creation.

*“The Lord hath done great things for us; Whereof we are glad” Psalm 126:3*

We rejoice in what the Lord has done for us in 2025. We moved into our new church auditorium in February. That auditorium was provided by the Lord through yours and the Bolivians' generous donations. We had a few good months of ministry and then my back needed some medical attention. Sheila and I then returned to the USA to see the doctor in late June. After going through the hoops of the insurance the L4-S1 lumbar fusion surgery was finally done on Oct. 6. The recuperation was more difficult for me this time around. However, on Jan. 8 the doctor gave me the green light to return to Bolivia. I still have some recuperating to go, but I am thankful the Lord has provided me with good doctors, insurance, and most importantly a wonderful Helpmeet who cared for me.

We rejoice that in my absence the Lord provided a pastor friend who not just filled in for me but also ministered to the members of our little church body in Bolivia. We also rejoice that in our absence the people faithfully stepped up. Our little church is growing, maybe not in great numbers, but they are growing spiritually.

We rejoice that Bolivia no longer has a dictator, things look like they will improve in the country. Sadly, we see the socialist opposition is not taking it quietly. However, we can rejoice because we still can proclaim the Gospel!

We also rejoice, that we are starting our journey home to Bolivia on the 15<sup>th</sup> of January, and we should be home by the 23<sup>rd</sup>, Lord willing.

One final reason to rejoice, the opportunity to return to the mission field and get back to working for the Lord in San Lorenzo, Bolivia. I know He has great things in store for us, and I know He does for all of you. Jer. 29:11

Please pray for safe travels and that we can recuperate our previous airline tickets with the Bolivian airlines that we were unable to change because that airline was in a crisis.

Thank you to all who have sent us Christmas gifts, your kindness is much appreciated, and it has most assuredly met a great need we have. And a special thanks to Legacy Baptist who ministered to us while we were grounded.

**Please pray for:** Our health, our travels, the recuperation of our lost fares, and the end of the opposition in Bolivia

**Praise:** for the goodness and faithfulness of God.

We thank the Lord for your prayers for us, and this ministry. Thank you for your sacrifice in giving to this ministry.

For His Glory, Rick & Sheila Ackerman

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