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MINISTERING IN BOLIVIA

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Dear Praying Churches and Friends,

We praise the Lord for the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ for which we recently celebrated with the brethren here in San Lorenzo. The Lord blessed with a full house, good fellowship, and the Word of God. We had a breakfast before the service, as we have in previous years. Some of our young people who have gone away to college were here with us and what a blessing they are!

Ground was broken at the new church property on April 11th with 4 of us starting to dig the foundation but by the 16<sup>th</sup> with the help of many more, we finished digging the foundation for phase 1; bathrooms, kitchen and classrooms. Praise the Lord! We will leave the dividing wall out of the classrooms and that is where we will meet while we build the sanctuary. We are now in the process of obtaining electricity and water so we can work on getting the rebar ready and then pour cement.

I was able to attend the Fundamental Baptist Fellowship conference this year in Cochabamba. Besides getting strengthened by the Word, I was able to reconnect with many of the Bolivian pastors. This was a blessing to me personally and showed me the importance of fellowship. Sometimes, like Elijah, we can feel alone in our stand for the Truth; but praise the Lord for all of the pastors and missionaries that serve Him around the world!

While at the conference I asked several pastors how the pandemic had affected their ministries. Many had suffered personally health wise; almost dying, some had lost family members, and most had lost at least one member from their congregation. Some pastors were not present because they had been taken by Covid. Interestingly many also had members that were vaccinated that now have asthma for the first time in their life, like me. Thankfully, I am learning to live with this and though my strength is not what it used to be, I am about 75% recovered.

Recently, a sister in Christ brought 3 elderly women who are family members of hers to visit and they say that they plan to continue to congregate with us. Many of our brethren are “third age” as we call it here, like us. We are thankful for our senior saints!

Good News! Baptist Pioneer Mission now has online giving! If you do decide to give to us through the online method, **it is important that you indicate for whom the donation is, in the memo section. (i.e. Please put “Ackerman” in the memo section of the online gift.)** All money given through this site goes into one BPM account; and without knowing who the gift is for, the BPM secretary cannot figure out where to direct the money. The link for making online donations is; <https://secure.subsplash.com/ui/access/NX87WD/>

We pray that the Lord is blessing the work He has for you, as He is ours. Thank you for your continued prayers and financial support these years. I do believe the harvest is at hand!

In Christ alone,  
Rick & Sheila Ackerman

Prayer Requests: Wisdom, Godly men, Workers, protection and provision for the construction.

Praises: Improved health, visitors, progress on the construction,

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