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MINISTERING IN BOLIVIA

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Dear Prayer Partners and Friends,

Greetings from Bolivia, I trust you had a blessed time celebrating the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus, we sure did!

Life has been a whirl wind here in Bolivia. We had the camp in January, and everything went very well. One of the young persons we took trusted Christ as her Savior (Alexia) and another (David) made a commitment to serve the Lord and has been a big blessing in the church ever since. Then later in January we had a 3-day club to evangelize the children. The theme was "Down on the Farm" Many of these kids can identify with the farm as this is a rural area. We were able to share the Gospel with about 30 kids.

February and the beginning of March I (Rick) was operating in a fog, but the ministry kept going. When I went to get a cortisone injection in my right thumb, the doctor on checking my Blood pressure said it was very high and recommended I go to a heart specialist. Now that my BP is back to normal, I feel good.

We are still working through the discipleship book, Becoming a True Christian on Wednesday nights. It is called discipleship, but it teaches a lot of doctrine in ways the common person can understand. The author of this book returned to Mexico in February of this year to start another church plant at the age of 90 years old. God has indeed blessed this servant in many ways. I hope and pray I can keep going as strong as him at 90.

In early March we celebrated Bolivian Father's Day with an outreach and dinner for the fathers. It was well attended with 14 Fathers and all in attendance heard the Gospel, and they were fed well spiritually and physically. Then on March 29-31 we had our first official missions Conference. A pastor friend from the city preached the first 2 nights and I preached the Resurrection Sunday morning. The conference was well attended both nights and on Sunday morning we had to put chairs in the aisle. I preached on "The 4 Ways We Can Respond to the Resurrection" A blessing on Sunday was many who had attended the church in the past but were out of touch with the church came back for this service. They are Alvaro, Rocio, Soledad, and Arturo.

Then on Monday morning a sister in Christ called me and asked if I was available to visit a childhood friend of hers. I said yes! This catholic man had been going through a difficult time and had no peace and she suggested that he talk to her pastor, he agreed and last night we had a wonderful visit with Marcos. He says he is saved but when we asked, "Are you going to heaven?" he did not know. We talked about God's Word for 1.5 hours and had a good visit. He wants us to come back on Friday, so we set the date.

The overcrowding on Resurrection Sunday and some past comments of "we need more room", has got us moving on phase II of our construction, which is the main auditorium. Currently we use two classrooms for the auditorium that give us 500 sq feet. The new sanctuary, when completed, will give us 900 sq feet. When we get this done the kids can move out of the kitchen and into their classrooms and we will have more room to receive visitors in the main sanctuary. Our supporters have been instrumental in making this ministry happen and helping it to grow and if you can help with this phase, it would be a blessing and help us further in reaching others for Christ. If the Lord, moves you to help financially, please put a note with your donation, Ackerman construction fund.

Concerning the outreach in the city, where a sister has donated property, it has been put on hold for the time being. We have been praying for God's timing and I guess He has said no for now. The reason is because the property owner has asked us to wait because of some circumstances out of her control that are happening in that community, and it is a volatile situation.

Please pray for: Alvaro, Rocio, Soledad, Arturo, and Marcos: the new building project, and the situation with the community.

Praise: Ricks BP under control, and the opportunity to serve in Bolivia, and for your faithfulness to this ministry.

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.

For His Glory, Rick & Sheila Ackerman

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