



## The Ackerman Family

Missionaries to Bolivia

Dear Family and Friends, we pray that all is well with you and your families.

12/17/10

As this Christmas season leaps upon us, we are reminded of the sacrifice our Lord Jesus made in leaving His Heavenly home to come to earth. Sacrifice is not a word often associated with Christmas in our world today, but the two most important sacrifices of all time came 2000 yrs. ago with the incarnation of Christ and 33 yrs later the sacrifice He made for our sins on the Cross. *"But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man."* Hebrew 2:9

It has been a long journey from Washington to Florida where we find ourselves now. The car we rented in June from BMTM has traveled around 20,000 miles with no major breakdowns and only one flat tire. We praise God for His careful watch over us and we thank our prayer warriors for their faithfulness in prayer!

It has been a blessing to meet with all of our supporting churches in the Pacific Northwest, a blessing to see how God is working in each and every one of them and how they reflect Him in their unique ways. Also, we were able to meet with several of our churches in the Midwest and see the same manifestation of God's love. We call them "our" churches but we know they belong to God. He has ministered to us through you all, Thank You!

The news from San Lorenzo is that there is still a faithful group of believers meeting under the leadership of Pastor Arcil and they are busily planning an outreach Christmas dinner for the immediate community on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of December. There will be a church from Tarija coming to do a cantata also which should be a blessing.

It's almost time for camp there in Bolivia and this year it will be quite different. In past years they have found a place to hold it in a local school facility only to have the school change their mind at the last minute and then we scramble to find a new place. This year it will be held in a very rustic location without buildings so they will be using tents (which are not easy to come by and must be made.) Pastor Arcil is holding a competition among the young people in bringing visitors to church for earning scholarships. We always like to motivate as many as possible to attend camp.

Our oldest son Brandon has enlisted in the U.S. Army and is scheduled to go to boot camp in early April followed by jump school. We are very proud of him.

We look forward to all of our children being "home" for Christmas with us this year and staying with us a short time in a home we are renting in St. Petersburg, FL at D&D Missionary homes. Their grandparents also will join us here, a rare treat to all be together!

**Please pray:** Healing for Vincenta, a new believer; San Lorenzo's Christmas celebration and camp; Brandon going to Army, Sharon's condition to stabilize, Rick's Dad has an angiogram Dec. 21.

**Praises:** Travel mercies, great visits with family and churches, Our Lords Great Sacrifice for us!

May the Lord bless you this Christmas season and in the following year! P.S Note the Furlough address change below.

*Rick & Sheila Ackerman*

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