



## The Ackerman Family - Missionaries to Bolivia

March 28, 2014

Greetings from Barranco Bolivia! That is the name of the community where we are now living, across the river from San Lorenzo. March 1<sup>st</sup> was the first day we began living in the new house to get away from the fiesta of Carnaval. It was a success! Only faintly did we hear it.

The vacation Bible schools were well attended in both San Lorenzo and Canasmoro. I wish that we could report that a number of new children are coming to church as a result, but sadly, they are not. The Gospel of Jesus Christ was clearly presented each day and decisions were made to trust Him as their Savior. For that we are grateful.

A drama team also came to San Lorenzo and Canasmoro and presented a drama, which clearly presented the Gospel with good results, though the attendance was small because of light rain.

After much prayer we have decided to put the Reformer's Unanimous program on hold for now. Our last meeting was on the 19<sup>th</sup> of March. Is there a need? Yes. The problem is the participation level. The people are not being faithful to do their homework and are not coming faithfully to the meetings. Sheila is still translating the children's lessons and teaching them on Wed. nights in her class. We are praying for wisdom in this area of when and where to hold this program in the future. Most of the interest is coming from Tarija and we have been invited to take it to the prison there.

We held a "Stay in the Castle" night with the young ladies of the church and after the teaching on purity; four of the seven made the decision to remain pure until marriage and signed the purity promise pledge. Praise the Lord!

The attendance in San Lorenzo and Canasmoro has its ups and downs. Some nights we are full, and others we are just a few. We are praying that the believers would get the desire to be fully committed to the Lord and to seeing the church grow. Our theme for this year is "making disciples."

The door of opportunity in Ciriminuelas has closed at this time to teach the Gospel in the school there. Many of the children have moved and the teacher that invited us has been relocated to a closer school. It is possible that we will have opportunity in the new school in God's timing. The community of Sella where the teacher is now working is where we have been going for some discipleships and there are several coming from there to the church on Sunday nights. God is so good to open the doors and prepare the way for His work!

Thank you for your prayers concerning the issue with the land and house. We know these are material things and certainly don't want to get our focus off, but a place to live is important. We are glad to report that the Lord has worked out the situation with a third party and we wait now on the paperwork in La Paz.

**Prayer requests** Please keep praying for the young lady, Yuli; salvation of the Aldana and Zenteno families, someone or a family to help us in the ministry here, Rick's right knee: arthroscopic surgery here in Bolivia and some injections after all settles down, probably in April now; faithfulness and consecration of the believers.

**Praises:** Some have asked about Noemi, the young adult who had some serious struggles at the end of last year. I am happy to report she is doing well and is back in church. The opportunity to shine for Christ; moved into the new house, Faithful prayer partners of which without you, we could not be here.

*For His Glory, Matt. 5:16.*

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