



# The Ackerman Family

Missionaries to Bolivia

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Dear Friends and Family, we are so thankful for your prayers for this ministry. Things are progressing according to God's schedule. In the last letter I wrote about us considering starting a youth ministry here in San Lorenzo. We have taken this step and the Lord has blessed. On Saturdays we have our own youth club here (Club de Jovenes) with a time of worship, Bible drills, teaching from God's Word, finally some games. It has been well attended and three of the youth are very close to accepting the Lord Jesus Christ. There is a lot to consider when accepting the Lord in this community, which will celebrate its 400<sup>th</sup> year anniversary this week. Catholicism is not just another religion but their way of life. So please pray for these youth!

Another note of concern for us is that the Assembly of God church from Tarija had a 5 day campaign in San Lorenzo this last month. They also wish to start a church in this area.

Spring has sprung here in Bolivia and the peach trees are in full bloom. On the political scene things are heating up. The last time I wrote I mentioned the vote for autonomy for the department of Tarija, it passed with 82%. This coming Sunday the 10<sup>th</sup> the country is having a confidence vote for the governors of all nine departments and for the president. This will not happen without some clashes. Already here in Tarija the University students have taken control of some government buildings and the airport on Tuesday when the president tried to come for a visit. He was forced to abandon his trip here as well as to Santa Cruz and Pando. No one seems to know what will actually happen after the vote. On top of this in this area the teachers are on strike for at least two weeks, and the local civil government will hold a "Paro Civico" tomorrow, in which everything will come to a halt for one day in protest of the government.

On the home front we are doing well. I am finishing up my rabies shots and I have been assured I am now immune to rabies for a whole year. The kids are doing great and some have even started school already. I am really proud of their willingness to help in the ministry. We will truly miss them when they leave for college.

Please continue to **pray** for the youth ministry here in San Lorenzo and the "Hora de Feliz"; for the salvation of those youth who are so close; and the political situation in Bolivia.

**Praises;** our opportunity to minister here in Bolivia; the growth of the Club de Jovenes; and for the Lord's and your faithful support.

Simply His Servants

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