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MINISTERING IN BOLIVIA

30 of January 2023

Dear Praying Churches and Friends,

I do not know what happened to the time, I got so busy in ministry and moving and it just flew by. Please forgive me, for not writing to you sooner. Thank you for your faithfulness in continuing to pray for us.

The church property phase 1 is done. We moved into it in mid-November just in time for our 15th Anniversary. We celebrated with 3 nights of meetings it was a wonderful time and the Lord did bless tremendously. Then when the rains hit, we found out the flat cement roof leaked and was going to cause a lot of damage if we did not do something quick. In the room where we meet for church, we collected 8 gallons of water in one day. It's a long story, but a flat roof is very customary here. In the end, we got a metal roof and kept the damage on the inside to a minimum. Glad that final and surprise project is over.

When we moved out of the old rental we spent 2 weeks cleaning, repairing and painting. Our landlord lady of 10 years, shared with us that we were the best renters she ever had and considered us family. She said she appreciated the brethren visiting her in her store and chatting with her, and that she would miss us. Then with tears she hugged us and asked us not to forget about her. Sadly, she remains unsaved, even after 10 years of testifying to her. Please pray for Dorilla. In November we had a young man working at the church get saved, his name is Abiel. He has been coming to church and we are doing a discipleship every Tuesday with his girlfriend, Carla, her parents Catalina and Gabino, and her niece. Gabino is saved and a faithful man, but his wife, daughter and granddaughter are not.

This year we were able to send 10 youth to summer camp. What a blessing it was for them. Sheila and I were asked to teach a lesson, I taught the boys and Sheila the girls. It was good to be able to have camp after the 2-year Covid interruption. Then a week later 10 ladies from church and some teens went to a one-day retreat.

Politics in Bolivia is still very volatile, the governor of an opposition state to the Federal govt. was kidnapped by the govt. last month so things got really heated for a while, but carnival is now here for the next month, so the demonstrations and protests will have to wait. The state of politics or the month-long party, are both sad either way, but we will continue to be the light of Christ in this dark corner of the world, while you shine the light of Christ in your part of the World.

In the last week my lap top computer was stolen, and our church van is in for major repairs to its front suspension. Thank you to all who gave extra during the construction and Christmas. Indeed, you are a blessing to us.

Sheila and I have been under the weather health wise for some time. I have been sick since Feb 2022, with a form of bronchitis. The doctor here said I had Chronic Asthma. Well, I have never had asthma before, he suggested it was from the Covid shots I had or asymptomatic Covid. I had been under several treatments and never got better, then I switched doctors and this new treatment seems to be helping, or maybe the side effects of the covid or vaccine are just going away. Any way I feel a lot better, this last month. Sheila also has not been feeling well, her doctor seems to think it is her thyroid medicine, he adjusted it again and we are waiting to see if that takes care of the problem.

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.

For His Glory, Rick & Sheila Ackerman

Prayer Requests: The discipleships with Abiel, Gabino, Catalina, and Carla; Salvation for Dorilla; and our health.

Praises: Faithful support; the extra donations for the building projects and the needs of the church; the construction is done for now; and our good testimony with Dorilla.

Some photos to share, to show how God has blessed us through you:



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