



The Ackerman Family

Missionaries to Bolivia

Dear Friends and Prayer Partners, thank you so much for your prayers.

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The anniversary of Belen Baptist Church went well; they had a very nice closing with a huge cake, praises to the Lord and people giving gifts to the church. We were very pleased to see their faithfulness in attending each night and their giving to the church.

God really blessed our 3 day meetings. We had two Baptist Churches from Tarija helping us with dramas and their pastors did some preaching. The first night there were 32 professions from people who said they accepted Christ as their Savior. The second night we showed an excellent film called "The Light of the World" We were not able to give an invitation that night because at the very end of the movie it began to rain very hard and lightening put the lights out in the whole town, so everybody kind of scattered in the dark. The third night 20 persons professed to accept Christ. We are not ones to be preoccupied with numbers, but it is a guide for us to discern how many are sensitive to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. What we do know is God knows the hearts of each one of these who professed; and we know that attendance is up at Wed. night Bible Study, Jovenes Club, the Hora Feliz, and Sunday night services. This week the Lord has added 12 new people into our discipleship program. "Praise His Precious Name!!"

In every victory we see concerning God's Kingdom we see the enemy attempt a counter attack. What did Christ mean when he said? *"Suppose ye that I am come to give peace on earth? I tell you, Nay; but rather division:"* Luke 12:51

Is He not the giver of peace? We have seen this week what Christ meant in Luke 12:51. The tradition of Catholicism has put fear into these new believers' lives. We have been visiting several of those who have filled out cards. Marily who had been coming to Jovenes club, but we have not seen her for some time. She was visibly shaken up as she was forbidden to come to any more meetings and she was beaten for coming in the first place. Cecilia has encountered the same problem. Aida another young lady was forbidden to come after she had trusted in Christ. Alex, 25 yrs. old, is in our discipleship program, his wife and family have disowned him since he accepted Christ. Manuel a young Christian man, who has been helping us, was kicked out of the house for becoming a Christian. His dad told him "I would rather see you come home late drunk then come home early from an Evangelical Church sober." We asked a national pastor about why there was such a battle for these people with their families when they accept the free gift of salvation. He said because the parents do not want their children to fall out of the tradition of celebrating the fiestas of drunkenness with them at the foot of the cross during the Day of the Cross, or at the statue of Christ during the Day of Christ, or the fiesta of Pascua for the Resurrection of Christ, etc.. These kinds of parents love their traditions more than their own children!! When a person here professes Christ as Savior it certainly does cause division in the family and it comes with a cost.

Please keep these new believers and this ministry in your prayers:

"Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid." John 14:27

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