



The Ackerman Family

Missionaries to Bolivia

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Dear Family and Friends, I hope this update finds you all well and enjoying the blessings the Lord of Hosts has bestowed upon us.

Many of you know through our e-mail updates that several of the Baptist Churches from Tarija and us from San Lorenzo had our first annual conference August 25-27. We had several guest speakers come to share the Word of the Lord with us. During the days the schedule was full of biblical instruction for pastors and leaders. Then the evenings were set aside for an evangelistic message to all that wished to come. Each of the 3 nights we had over 450 in attendance, which filled the room we had rented. Next year we will have to look for a bigger place, Praise the Lord! Also we were able to bring from San Lorenzo at least 16-20 every night to the services. The conference was truly blessed by the Lord, with many decisions made to accept Christ. I praise the Lord that He also gave me a chance to be part of 5 of those decisions.

Alber the young boy who accepted the Lord continues to come and this has opened a door with his father. Yuli is showing some real growth spiritually but her sister Soledad continues to be in need of prayer in regard to her emotions. Also, their brother Ricardo has begun spiritual counseling in their home as a witch.

We still have a problem of several young people and children who have stopped coming because their parents are forbidding them to go to an evangelical church. But praise the Lord Yoelma's mother "Zulma" (she was the one that was beat and left for dead) is now permitting her daughters to come to the services and she has even visited twice now. Zulma also has a boy friend named Wilson who has come to the church with her and he is seeking the truth. But still the family says that Zulma is very entrenched in the traditions of Catholicism.

On a very serious note, there is a family who claim to be Christians, The Flores family, which have stopped coming to church. This is a very needy family with a poor testimony and we have tried to help them in many ways. They do not listen to godly council but have council for everybody else. We have visited with them on many occasions. This family lives just a few doors from us and their youngest son Manuel is now shouting derogatory names at me when he sees me in the street. It appears that this family has used the ministry as much as they can and now are attacking the ministry.

Please continue to pray for: Soledad to mature; Yoelma, and many of the others who are saved but are still struggling with the attraction of this world through the fiestas; Salvation for Zulma and her other children: Carla, Katia, Neber and her boyfriend Wilson; Ricardo; and of course the Flores family that God would still work in this family for His Glory. Also, we are planning to show an evangelical film in the plaza this month.

Praises; for the new building the Lord has provided, for the spiritual growth we have seen in Yuli and a wonderful conference.

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