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MINISTERING IN BOLIVIA

Greetings Prayer and Ministry Partners.

15 of November 2025

I received an email from a church wanting to know how the surgery went for me. I responded to the church, and I was thankful for the email because it reminded me that I have not given you an update.

First of all, my surgery got bumped up to Oct 6, and it was a success, that is what the doctor said to my wife on the day of surgery. However, I just started the long recovery and still have moderate pain as I have 2 new discs, 6 screws and 2 rods in my lumbar. I was given orders not to bend, lift, or twist for 6 weeks. That is when I will start my first PT. I am praying things start looking up at that point. PT should be about 6 weeks.

Sheila also has started some physical therapy on her hand and her back. This time around she went to the Back Doctor and found out she had some issues with her cervical and lumbar spine. No surgery is necessary currently, but she has started on medicine and some PT. We have also taken time for the dentist. I feel as though we took the old cars to the shop and they are getting overhauled. As you can imagine this is all keeping us busy. We are hoping and praying we can get things fixed up so we can keep serving our Lord in Bolivia.

Speaking of Bolivia, we have a new moderate democratic president. The socialist is gone, and things are looking up! Relationships have been opened back up with the USA and investments are being made in Bolivia. The economic crisis will take some time to overcome, but there is a brighter horizon if the socialists let it happen.

Concerning the church in San Lorenzo, they celebrated their 18 Anniversary in our absence on Nov 7-9. This was a 3-day event ending in a meal of baked chicken from a wood fired oven. We were impressed on how the brethren came together and my pastor friend Iban led the whole event. There were lots of visitors and at least one salvation, that I know of.

On a rather sad note, in the last month my personal family, has been hit with several tragedies. First my Gran nephew 17 yrs old, was killed by a drunk driver, while he waited at a red light, then my uncle Bernie passed away, then this week my cousin Mike passed away unexpectedly. Please pray for these families, the Baker Family, The Slingsby Family and the Gruener Family. I was close to all of them.

I continue to do the Wednesday night Prayer and Bible Study with the brethren in Bolivia via Google Meet. I am taking advantage of this time to do some courses on Biblical counseling to help me in the ministry.

Please pray for: Sheila and my health, those families mentioned earlier who lost loved ones, the brethren in Bolivia that God would supply all their needs, during this crisis. **Praise:** God's faithfulness in the midst of trials, and for Pastor Iban, the salvation of Miriam, unity in the church during the 18th Anniversary

We thank the Lord for your prayers for us, and this ministry. Thank you for your sacrifice in giving to this ministry.

For His Glory, Rick & Sheila Ackerman

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