



The Ackerman Family

Missionaries to Bolivia

Dear Praying friends,

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Thanks to your prayers and the grace of God, it has been a fruitful time down here. Since the initial week of Hora Feliz, we have continued this ministry on a biweekly basis. Attendance has been good even when the weather appeared to challenge us several times. The Lord has been so good to put an umbrella over us, even stopping the rain for our times of ministry. We are teaching who God is from the book of John and have had some good questions from the children.

There is an elderly man named Jose who comes to all the Horas Felizes and has started an adult Bible Study this past Saturday. Even though he is old and frail, he said he would be willing to walk clear across town to come if he knew we were there. He has been influenced by the Jehovah Witnesses.

Another man named Oberdan has asked us to keep visiting him and his family to talk about the Bible, but he is afraid of persecution by his Catholic parents, even threats to kick them out of their house if they become Christians. He is the director of the school here and his wife is a teacher.

The youth retreat at the house during Carnaval was well attended as well as the Church picnic here. There were 3 people baptized by the pastor of the church in Tarija that day. One of the young men was saved at the youth camp in Bella Vista along with 15 others that our children attended. Praise the Lord!

Things have heated up politically again after the holidays and last week there were many road blocks, some of which we were caught on the other side of for a whole day. They stopped for a few days to raise support for the flood victims in the Beni region of Bolivia, but are threatening to start up again this week.

Sheila and I have started some private Spanish lessons several times a week to improve our grammar. Our teacher, Graciela, is not saved so we are using this as an opportunity to evangelize as well.

Prayer requests: Salvation for Oberdan, Jose, Graciela, children of Hora Feliz

Political stability for Bolivia; Sheila's health; Language

Praises! Great youth retreat, new opportunities to share the Gospel, Hora Feliz

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