



# The Ackerman Family

Missionaries to Bolivia

1/8/08

Dear Family and Friends,

We pray that for you this New Year will be year full of blessings from our Lord. We know that there may be trials and temptations but may the Lord grant you victory and sustain you through them. And of most importance, may your relationship with our Lord be even more intimate.

As of Sunday, the 6<sup>th</sup> of January, the Christmas celebration in Bolivia has officially ended with the celebration of the kings. On Sunday, Bolivia celebrated the Wise men bringing gifts to Jesus. Of course this celebration was accompanied by a mixed bag of cultural beliefs, the foremost being the drinking of alcohol, and lots of it. Then we had the Maypole for the children, who were celebrating Jesus, we are told. They danced around this pole to the same rhythmic beat of drums and flute all day. I as child also did the Maypole thing in elementary school, but yesterday I was wondering just what the Maypole is about? So I did a quick search in the online encyclopedia Wikipedia and found that the Maypole was historically used in the worship of pagan gods of fertility. How did the Bolivians ever connect this with the birth of Christ?

The house here in San Lorenzo is very quiet as our children are at camp for the week in Bella Vista or "Beautiful View". The name fits, the place is beautiful. We had to cross several rivers without bridges to get there. We are praying that not only will many of the young people be challenged and saved, but that the rains will not increase and the rivers rise so we will be able to bring the youth home on Friday.

On the 14<sup>th</sup> we start a week of Vacation Bible School here in San Lorenzo. We have been planning this for some time and are trusting that the Lord will bring us in contact with families that want to know the Bible and our Lord. This event is directed primarily to the children but the parents are also invited and it is being held in a small park which is a very high profile place. We pray that many passing by will stop and check out what this is about. We will be presenting the Wordless book, which tells the Gospel. Each day we'll cover a page of the book with puppets, teaching, singing, and games.

Please Pray for:

The youth that have made decisions at camp and those that have been challenged by the Lord.

The week of Vacation Bible School. Jan. 14th-18th

That God would bring into our path families that want to know our Lord.

That we would be found faithful.

Simply His Servants

*Rick & Sheila Ackerman*

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