RICK AND SHEILA ACKERMAN MINISTERING IN BOLIVIA

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Dear Prayer Partners and Friends, Merry Christmas from San Lorenzo.

It seems like when you are in ministry there is not much down time, people will always have needs. Whether it is the activities in the church, or a brethren's personal crisis, a sickness, or a matrimony that is on the brink of failing, it seems like there is always a battle to be had with Satan. But may we always find time for Jesus our Savior, because we need Him. "God is our refuge and strength, A very present help in trouble." Ps 46:1

Our church celebrated 18 years in November, we had a good turnout for the celebration. A friend and the Director of our mission, Dr. Lance Rader preached. It was a blessing to have him and his wife (Karen) here with us. The building project is still ongoing, we won't be done for Christmas, but it is advancing thanks to your prayers and support. The praises, about the building are, we now have windows, the electric is done, the ceramic tile is bought, the doors are being fabricated. By the end of the year the tile and the doors will be installed. Then the final touches of painting will be done and then we move in!

Concerning the property that was donated to the church in the city. We were ready to go to work earlier this year on that ministry, but it was stopped, due to problems in the community, legal fights, tempers, and paperwork. I will not go into the details and the complicated explanation, because such a situation would not exist in the USA. However, we also see this as God's perfect timing. The property is still there, and the desire to seed the Gospel in that area is there, now we wait for the green light from the Lord, and we are praying it is this next year.

On Mondays at 5am I started to meet with 2 men for prayer time, it has been a blessing. Sheila and I continue with the everyday discipleships and ministry. Extra burdens have been brought our way, it seems like cancer has turned several lives upside down here in Bolivia and the life of my Uncle Jim in the States. Then last month we had a 21-year-old young man that has been coming to the church since he was 8 yrs old attempt suicide by jumping off a bridge. He miraculously survived the 40-foot fall, missing the 2 boulders and cement curb, and landing in a sandy spot the size of his body. He, Ronaldo, was bruised up badly, and broke his hand, but his emotional and spiritual troubles are deep, and he needs lots of prayer. He was very receptive of my counsel at first but seems to be pulling away again.

We look forward to having our Candlelight service on Christmas Eve and celebrating the Birth of our Savior. Then January 7-11 we are taking 10 young people to camp, Sheila and I will be sharing a message one day at camp, my message is for the boys and Sheila's is for the girls. Then the week following we will be having a Kids VBS Outreach at our Church.

Also, if you have not done so, please change our e-mail address to rickyack@outlook.com I am still getting correspondence at my old email address, from prayer supporters. So please check the address and change it, if it needs to be changed. I do not want to miss out on any emails from you!

<u>Please pray for:</u> Brother Armando and my Uncle Jim, that they would recover from cancer, the young man Ronaldo. The building project. The Youth Camp and the Kids Outreach.

Praise: For our Savior, and that our health is stabilized, and the progress on the church.

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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