## RICK AND SHEILA ACKERMAN MINISTERING IN BOLIVIA

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Dear Prayer Partners and Friends,

Greetings from Bolivia, I pray this update finds you all well.

Our world is changing right before our eyes, I see things happening in the political and social realm that I never dreamed would ever happen. We need not go into all the details, but I will say this I find myself looking to the Scriptures more than ever for answers and hope. None of this takes our Lord by surprise, and all is happening to bring about His plan of restoring His Kingdom on earth forever and ever. And we get to be a part of it and not only is there a future hope, but we also get the privilege of helping to build the Body of Christ here on earth. The Lord leads us, guides us, gives us the strength to share His Word. We live and work for His glory, and He does the saving. Praise the Lord!

Last prayer letter I talked about my visit to the heart doctor, now we can talk about Sheila's visit to the heart doctor. She had her first angina attack in late April, several tests and a heart catheterization showed she has a small artery disease on one side of her heart. This condition causes a lack of blood supply to the left side of her heart, which made her tired, gave her cramps in the legs, and her first angina attack. We thank the Lord that with medicine she can live a normal life.

I will be having a hand surgery here in Bolivia on June 11. 3 years ago, I had the same surgery on my left hand in the States and the whole procedure took me out of ministry for several months. This time I wanted to do it here so I would not be away from the ministry for so long. I believe the Lord led me to a good hand specialist in the city of Santa Cruz, Bolivia.

We are still working through the discipleship book, Becoming a True Christian on Wednesday nights. We are advancing slowly because of all the questions. Which is good, it shows the people are engaged in the study.

Last week we had a special day to celebrate Bolivia's Mother's Day. We had 14 mothers present and all the other brethren, I gave a Mother's Day message, and we had a special dinner afterwards. We also gave each mother a small potted plant to take home.

Thank you for praying for Alvaro, Rocio, Soledad, and Arturo, they have continued to come to church after coming to the Father's Day celebration. However, Marcos has yet to visit the church, he continues to make excuses, so keep him and another couple, Victor and Katy in prayer. Victor and Katy were coming but Katy got pulled back into the Catholic church again. She knows the Truth, but here Catholicism is not just a religion it has been part of the culture since 1608.

I want to say thank you to those who have supported this ministry and thank you for the extra donations up and beyond your normal support. I would ask that you please send me an email letting me know when you have sent a little extra. I know some send a note with the donation, however I do not get the notes, because staff at that mission cannot send them to me because Bolivia still has no reliable postal service from the States. Please send me a short email if you send a special gift, I feel bad because I think I may have missed sending a thank you note to some of you. Please forgive me.

<u>Please pray for</u>: Marcos, Victor and Katy; phase 2 of the building project; and Ricks surgery. <u>Praise:</u> Sheila's heart problem is under control, and for your faithfulness to this ministry.

Thank you for your continued prayers and financial support. For His Glory, Rick & Sheila Ackerman

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