



The Ackerman Family - Missionaries to Bolivia

Dear prayer partners, family and friends,

1/2/2013

Blessings to you on this first day of the year, 2013! We are overjoyed with what God has done in Bolivia in the past year and can hardly wait to see what He has in store for this new coming year with and through the prayers of the saints.

The Lord has saved souls, changed lives and provided for all of our needs. He has also made it possible for our son Brandon to return from Afghanistan and for us to come spend Christmas with not only him, but the rest of our children.

We have so much to be thankful for not only in our personal lives, but in the ministry as well. In our absence the church in San Lorenzo must take on some responsibilities that we are hoping will increase their faithfulness in attendance and sense of commitment. There are several pastors helping to cover the pulpit while we are away this month, for which we are very thankful.

Today begins the youth camp and we are told that there are 6 young people from Canasmoro attending as well as 7 or 8 from San Lorenzo. Please pray with us for the salvation of these young people and for the few that are saved to grow closer to the Lord. We have had some young people make professions of faith at camp in the past only to have them drift away or be pressured by family to return to the Catholic Church. We are praying for TRUE conversions and followers of Jesus Christ.

The group of believers in Canasmoro has chosen the name "Fountain of Life Bible Baptist Church" and we had a sign made to mark our meeting place there recently. This is exciting for us since they are identifying publicly that they are a congregation of believers. It also means that they are not ashamed to be counted as outcast evangelicals by rest of their village.

The believers in San Lorenzo also decided on a name for their group "Lighthouse Bible Baptist Church" and we changed the sign to reflect that when we moved to our new location.

In the early months of 2013 we are planning a series of family revival meetings in which we hope to reach more families for Christ. The emphasis of these revivals will be salvation and to teach God's blueprint or design for the marriage and family.

It occurred to us that with the stronghold of alcohol in our village keeping the men in bondage it might not be feasible to form a church until this is addressed. Keeping this in mind, it is our desire during Lent to introduce more aggressively the Reformer's Unanimous ministry to the public.

Thank you for your prayers and sacrificial giving this past year! We look forward to working together with you and our Lord in Bolivia in 2013!

Prayer requests: Youth Camp January 1-5; Family revival meetings TBA; faithfulness of believers to the Lord, workers (help) **Praises:** New believers (Yoel, Rudy), Ackerman family together for Christmas

For His Glory, Matt. 5:16.

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