

Paraguay Missions

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CAMPAMENTO CRISTIANO

Tierra Prometida

This has been a month of community ministry. Dan had the privilege of preaching the inauguration service for a friends ministry in Quayquho. They have built a beautiful yet practical compound for their dining hall where they feed and do devotions with 100-150 children everyday. They also have a children's home in their home with 13 children at the moment. We love partnering with others to



Photo taken April, 09

accomplish all that God has called us to do. We have also hosted and/or participated in 3 community services in our district. It was

great to load up 43 people in 4 vehicles and 2 motorcycles to get our people into town for the service there.

We have also had several visits and meetings with pastors this month. God seems to be stirring up the need in each one to feel connected and do things together to move the church forward. To us that is an exciting ministry heart to have! Please continue to pray for the churches in Paraguay.

Gwen's Notes

I am excited about the volunteers God is sending our way. First, with the Hagerman family at the camp who are fitting in wonderfully into the community. They are loveable people and are making connections using some practical ways. Just one of those ways I witnessed this weekend was Christie cutting the hair of a couple of the neighborhood boys.

Then we have the Morton family who already have made contacts in the community with people offering their time or help with the children's home in Itagua. They even have neighbors asking about English and computer lessons which they are very qualified to teach.

We have 2 student volunteers 2 days a week from a short term mission school at the home in Itagua. Nathan has been teaching the kids some English and computer and spends some time each visit playing and being a live jungle gym for the kids. Lorrie spends most of her time cleaning and helping in the kitchen. She is a wonderful cook so we all benefit from her visits.

A few days ago arrived a new volunteer who will be with us for about 3-4 weeks. Ryan spends 5 months of every year doing research in the Antarctic. He has come to do whatever we want him to do so at this moment he is painting with Shaun. In a couple of days we will be taking him with us to the camp to help us get it ready for a group coming in. There is never an end to the work possibilities so we appreciate the extra help. We also hope that he will share with us and the children some of his knowledge and photos of the seals he is working with.

Praises and Testimonies



A local mechanic giving his heart over to God. Best decision ever!!!!!!

Praise the Lord for a feeling of excitement about the future! There are so many things happening and pieces of the puzzle coming together and doors opening that sometimes we don't know what to do first. The exciting thing is as I mentioned, we don't have to do it all! God is sending people with vision and servants' hearts to complete what He is doing.

We know that God is stirring up the church in Paraguay and He is getting ready to do some mighty things above and beyond what we can even imagine! We also praise the Lord for a man that gave his heart to the Lord in the community service at the camp. The week before when his wife's pastor went to visit their home the husband was so upset that he almost

hit the pastor. Pastor Juan Pedro invited him to come to our joint service at the camp, to his surprise the man came. Dan was privileged to have the view from the pulpit of how God was dealing with this man during the service. As soon as he gave the alter call he came up to receive Christ in his life. (photo to Left) Please pray as God continues to lead.

General Children's Ministry Photos

Pro 22:6
Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.



←Samuel, 13 years old getting baptized



Angel's B-Day, 10 years old→

These kids are amazing!!!!!!

Prayer before school→



←Carolina getting baptized

Freddy getting Baptized→





Our oldest girl Rocio who is 15 went to Gwen to tell her that she wanted to be baptized. As soon as Gwen told me, Freddie who works with us on the camp property said he wanted to be too. I had a class for anyone

interested and planned the baptism for the following week. All 6 of our youth from the home (ages 12-15) took the class and decided to take the next step. It was a special time for all of us so I had Osvaldo (the house dad) help me baptize the youth. Anibal is 13 and afraid of water.

When we go swimming he rarely goes in the pool, he prefers the pond that is only about a foot deep right now. Gwen and Maria (the house mom) had extra tears in their eyes when it was Anibal's turn to be baptized be-

cause they knew what it took for him to take that step.

This Saturday we are launching our youth program for our local church and our youth are really excited about inviting the neighborhood youth to participate.

We are so thankful that we have the opportunity to have a part in making a difference.

Over the next several weeks, I will be teaching/ preaching a series on the basics at our local church.

Please pray for our youth. The Lord is really working in

Itagua Children's Homes & Ministries

We are excited to announce that this week the second house will be opening. The house parents have been hired, they are a Christian couple who worked here under the previous program. They came highly recommended and because of their experience here and having raised their own children we know they will make a great addition. Two days after they arrive we are supposed to

get some more children. Please pray that we will receive the children God has chosen for this home.

Shaun has been busy painting this next home getting everything ready to welcome them.

We also had a youth group volunteer their time and spend a day painting another house planning ahead for the future.

This coming Sunday, Sara and Shaun are starting a children's church program here on the property. They will start off with our children and hope to expand it to the neighbor children as well.

At some point in the near future, we will also move towards planting a local church at the property here. Please pray for us as the Lord leads in that direction.

God is always good and always hears our prayers.

Missions School

Ken and Christie continue to work on preparations for our missions school that will open in June of 2009 right here in Paraguay. You can follow their blog as well as the webpage they now have set up for the school using the following links:

www.hagermans.blogspot.com

www.tapemissions.org



The Hagerman Family

Christie, Ken, Caroline(10), and Camille(12).

All of the pertinent information is being uploaded to the website as we have it ready.

If you have any interest or need information that is not on the webpage yet, please feel free to contact myself or them on their blog page listed to the left of the photo.

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Final Thoughts



Donation Information as follows:

For the purpose of tax receipts and benefits, each individual will need to make their donations in every form (ie. Checks, cash, credit Cards etc.) payable to their local church. Please do not send any donations in our names or payable in our names. Please do not send any donations directly to us in Paraguay. All donations need to go through our local church for accountability purposes.

Each local Church will then mail a check for the total amount payable to **The Collingwood Church Of God Of Prophecy**. On a separate note, please write "Paraguay Support" along with any pertinent information (ie. Miller Family, Children's Home, etc). We ask that you would mail your checks no later than the fifteenth day of each month so that the Collingwood Church is able to process your support and transfer it to Paraguay no later than the 25th of each month.

Some Churches may choose to send several months or one year at a time rather than send a check each month. If that is your choice, please also send a letter with your check explaining that to our treasurer. You are welcome to do that with our thanks.

If you are not able to donate through a local church or wish to donate through a different avenue, please contact me to see what options are available.

Thank You

We continue to be very grateful for your continued support, both prayerfully and financially. It really is making a difference in the lives of the children in our homes, in our lives, and in the lives of many people in our community. We thank you and are praying for you and your local churches.

Blessings From The Miller's