

# Paraguay Missions

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## MINISTRY

Greetings friends. What a joy it is to be able to serve God and His church here in Paraguay. This past month Dan travelled to our church in Ciudad del Este. He was invited to preach and 4 new people gave their hearts to the Lord in the altar that night.

About a year and a half ago Dan took a small group with him to Ciudad del Este to do an evangelist campaign. The Pastor told him about a neighbor lady who was a bit of a troublemaker. She owned a small store and would tell the youth not to go to church but to stay there and

drink. Gustavo, who was with Dan, went and witnessed to her. She gave her heart to the Lord with him. Now a year and a half later she was still there in church asking about Gustavo. She now tells the youth to leave their drinking and come to church with her.

We travelled together to Pedro Juan Cabarello for the North Convention. There was a group of 8 of us that went on the bus all night to attend the Convention. 5 of us from our local church here in Arazaty.

Dan taught a great class Sunday

morning on "Overcoming Obstacles", the theme of the Convention. I had my time on program as National Youth Director and got a chance during the break to have a meeting with the youth leaders

Since we got there early Saturday and stayed for several hours after the convention on Sunday we got to catch up with some of our brothers and sisters in the North that we haven't seen for some time. The local Pastor hosted us at his house and we were overwhelmed by their hospitality.

## Gwen's Notes

.Happy belated Easter to all of our friends and family! Part of the Easter tradition here is the Chipa, a very traditional bread. I don't personally need to make chipa because part of the tradition is to make enough to share. I received chipa from 5 different ladies. Four of these ladies had a bag of chipa for me and a large bag for the children of the children's home. The fifth woman that gave me chipa was Maria, the kids helped her make a large batch and then they proudly presented us with some to enjoy.

Another neighbor lady sent her son over with 3 1/2 kilos of corn from their field, 1 kilo of cheese that she made and a dozen eggs from her chickens. In the picture below is Zulma and I grinding the corn. It has to be put through the mill three times and sifted after each time. We ended up with 2 1/2 kilos of cornmeal and what didn't pass through the sifter went to my pigs, so nothing was wasted. When Zulma and I walked over to the neighbors house to return her corn mill she gave us more chipa!

One of our Pastor's sons came and delivered chipa from his mom and he spent the night with us. I jokingly said, as I was going to bed, that if he wanted to stay and work in the morning with us he could but that I paid in chipa. He must like chipa because he did stay and work with us!

I think after all the chipa we have eaten over the last week I will make cornbread out of my cornmeal!



# Praises and Prayer

## Prayer Requests:

Interdenominational evangelist campaign that we will be a part of April 16 & 17.

May 1 & 2 - Area North Camping in Pedro Juan Caballero.

Evangelistic Campaign in Pedro Juan Caballero.

Evangelistic Campaign in Ciudad del Este.

We are so thankful for all of your prayers offered up for our traveling safety. We ask for your continued prayers for the travelling we will be doing this coming month also.

One of the trips we will be making is to Pedro Juan Caballero again.

We will be travelling on April 30 for a "North Camping" for the youth and then staying for Dan to preach an evangelistic campaign.

Please pray for these 2 events. I was planning on the camp being in the north in July but

the leaders have requested it for the first weekend of May because it is a holiday. Needless to say I have a lot of planning to do quickly. Please pray for God's guidance as I plan the program and for His direction for the teachers and evangelist that are needed.

## SOCCER SCHOOL

We are so excited that Soccer School has started back up again at the camp! Gustavo is running this ministry again and this week we all had a special surprise. Participating with his church, that was renting the camp, was a coach for the soccer school for a professional team in Asuncion. Dan asked Ramon if he would come down to talk to the kids. Ramon talked to the kids about the importance of education then spent a few hours going through the drills with Gustavo and the kids. There is always a "talk time" at the end of the school and Ramon talked to the kids about temptations such as alcohol and drugs. This ministry is not only a fun thing to do but it is investing in the lives of the kids of our neighborhood. Some of these boys will one day make money playing soccer and so for Gustavo to help them improve their skills and combine that with teaching the Word of God is fantastic!



**The eternal God  
is your  
refuge, and  
his  
everlasting  
arms are  
under you.  
Deuteronomy  
33:27**

**(The Book)**



On Saturday the kids had a special surprise. Evelyn, a friend of ours, came out from the city. She told me that it was her birthday so she was visiting her favorite places that day. She brought Easter eggs for all of the kids. One of the girls told me that she was really wanting a chocolate Easter egg but didn't think it was possible. God is so good to hear the

desires of His children.

We mentioned in a previous newsletter, that the Children's Home was given 375 meters of chain link fencing, posts and wire, all paid for through the Ministry of Children and Youth's office. We, including the older kids, have been working away at installing the fencing and it looks great. As I, Gwen, was working on the fence, my neighbor came to talk to me. I was telling her that the fence was a gift paid by the government. I was telling her that Dan always tells people who complain about government what our Home has received. We then started naming a few other "blessings" that our neighbor-

hood has received through government projects.

Oswaldo went with Dan to Maria Antonio last week. Dan found a brother there that is operating a dining hall for about 40 children every Sunday out of his own pocket. Maria gathered up some clothes that our kids weren't using and some of the dehydrated vegetables that are donated to our home every month to send with Oswaldo. The point was to bless the children of Maria Antonio but we received a blessing in return. This brother sent Oswaldo home with a large bag of mandioca and beans from his fields for the Children's Home.

## Children's home pictures



Marcelo with his chocolate Easter egg from Evelyn

Kevin, in his dad's shirt and hat directing Oswaldo how to cut the grass to clear the area for the fence posts.



Dan drilling the holes for the wires in the posts. Angel really is working, he is putting pressure on the post for the drilling.

New fence posts down the lane.



Angel turned 12.

Anibal turned 14



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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 (Checks or cash) 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 25<sup>th</sup> 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.

Our airline tickets are bought. We will be flying from Paraguay on July 21st and arriving in Toronto on the 22nd. We will be attending the General Assembly and visiting churches. Then flying back home to Paraguay on October 18th.

Looking forward to seeing you soon!

Blessings,

The Miller Family