

Paraguay Missions

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CAMPAMENTO CRISTIANO Tierra Prometida

Greetings Friends

We have now completed one month back in Paraguay. It is spring time here which normally is a very pleasant time of year however we are having exceptionally high temperatures (currently about 100 degrees) and a lack of rain due to the draught Paraguay is going through. Our ponds are at the lowest level that I have seen since digging them about ten years ago.

Construction has begun on the two cabins that were destroyed by a tornado. We are increasing the size of the actual sleeping areas to the full size of the existing floor. We have redesigned the buildings for increased strength, changed some

of our building materials from what was previously used, reduced the cost by utilizing newer



Photo taken after two days of work

materials that were not available when we built several years ago, and simplified the roof design from 4 slopes to two slopes. The result will be a stronger built building, more usable space, and slightly less cost than we had originally projected.

The economic crisis that you are feeling in North America is also affecting our economy here in Paraguay. Several camps have cancelled over the last few weeks because of the economy, but at the same time discussions have begun with a few new churches. Please pray with us that the Lord will bless the churches of Paraguay and that we will be able to utilize the camp to its maximum potential.

We also have conversations pending for an additional eight leadership camps during the upcoming year. Please pray that we will be able to accommodate these as well.

Church Planting

We continue to hold three services per week. Tuesday nights are in Caazapai 1 km from the camp. Many people continue to leave the country and move to the city in search of work. Over the past several months, this has been the case here. Our regular attendance has dropped down to 5-7, as many of those attending now live in Asuncion or have found work elsewhere but at last weeks service, two people re-

dedicated their lives to Christ. We will continue to reach out to new families in the community.

Wednesday nights are in Rincon, 6 km from the camp and services there are going well. This past week we had 17 in service. Praise the Lord for His blessings.

Sunday mornings continue at the camp facility and are also going well. We continue to aver-

age between 40-50. Today, Ruben's brother David asked if he could start attending on a regular basis and play guitar with Ruben during worship time.

Gwen has also restarted our Sunday school with the children and it is also going well. Today for the first time, all the children arrived ten minutes early for service.

Praises and Testimonies



Monica Lopez
December, 2008

As I shared with our local church this morning, we always need to remember to give the Lord praise for all He does in our lives. We also need to take time to do it. He is worthy to receive our praises.

My first praise this month is for Monica. After 4 consecutive visits to the doctor with no trace of illness, I am declaring and proclaiming her completely healed. Thank you so much for your prayers on her behalf. Thank you Lord for

healing her completely.

Photo to the left

In second place, I give God thanks for the Hagerman family. It is such a joy to have another family here to work with us and to help extend the ministries that the Lord has given us. We are all so excited about the missions school. They are a great family and we are enjoying fellowshiping with each other.

Thirdly, although often we seem to take things like this

for granted, I give God praise for health and strength. No, my back has not been healed. Yes, I have back and neck pain almost daily, however in the midst of it all, He gives me the strength to work each day, He gives me the endurance to keep on keeping on. He helps me up every morning and helps me rest every night so I give him praise for my health and my strength.

Praise God for all things!!!!

Some Recent Photos of Our Kids

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



←Rosio, 15, graduated to grade 11.



Miguel, 9, graduated to grade 3.→

Parents of our home;
Osvaldo, Maria, and Kevin→
Graduated to best parents in a children's home in the country.



Laura, 6, graduated to 1st grade



←Anibal, 12, graduated to grade 4.

←Samuel, 13, graduated to grade 8.





Our Children's home in Carapegua at the camp facility continues to great. Osvaldo and Maria are doing incredibly well and the children's lives reflect the work they are doing.

The children brought home their report cards this week and to my amazement, everyone of them increased their marks. Out of the 16 children attending school, 6

were selected as "Best Students" of their respective classes. All of the children above grade one are now averaging between 60% - 100% with the majority averaging between 80% - 100%. Those below grade one simply pass on to the next grade with no marks.

Yesterday, Gwen and I spent the day at the home so that Osvaldo and Maria could take a long overdue day off. We tried to convince them to take a few days or at least the weekend off, but they were not interested. They went to Asuncion in the morning to attend a friends wedding last night at 8pm and returned at 4am so that they could wake up with the kids.

Last night, I took the six oldest kids (12-15 yrs. old) to a church wide youth event in Carapegua at which there were in the area of 250-300 youth participating in an open

concert at the local town park. Overall it was a great event for them as they met many of their friends from school and from other churches in the area. One of the bands was from our local church in Carapegua. It was a night of screaming, jumping, worshipping and singing for the youth.

Gwen and Raquel, (Ruben's wife), are in the process of organizing all the children from our home here to perform "The Living Nativity Scene" for our community. We will use one of the grass roofs at the camp as the stable and begin to invite all of the neighbors to come and worship the birth of Christ with us. If the Lord permits us, we will also do it one night in Carapegua. Please pray for this outreach and presentation of the gospel.

Itagua Children's Homes & Ministries

Officially speaking, We took over the operations of the new facility of ten children's homes on December 1st. The first home which is being sponsored by the High Point NC Church of God of Prophecy now has nine children with the tenth in process. The names of the children are Nilda 12, Carlos 11, Ever 10, Rosio 6, Cristina 4, Iuhan 10, Junior 8, Nacheli 8, Augusto, 13.

The "Tios" or parents of the home are a wonderful couple named Mario and Zunilda and they have two children of their own, Milciades 11 and Rody 9 months. They have

been working for approximately 4 years in the former children's homes that were previously at this location. They are a Christian family and attend a Mennonite church in Itagua when they are able.

All of these children have been abandoned by their families. Please pray for them and for the "parents" of the home. Please pray for Gwen and Myself as we begin administrating this facility. It is a lot of work as I am sure you can imagine.

As sponsorships come in, we will continue opening each of the new homes one by one. According to my information, we will open the second house very soon.

If you are one of the many people that made a commitment to sponsor a child for \$35.00 per month, please begin sending it to our local church in Canada as soon as you are able. The faster it comes in, the faster we can rescue more children.

Please also remember to pray for the Ganar Foundation, our partners in this project. They also have a lot of work ahead of them.

Missions School

Ken and Christie have began working on preparations for our missions school that will open in May/ June of 2008 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.

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 you 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.

For Church Of God Of Prophecy Churches:

Your donation is recorded at our local church and a report is sent to the Harvest Partner Office of The General Headquarters in Cleveland TN. It is then registered as a Harvest Partners level #2 offering for Paraguay and the missionary support of the Miller Family.

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.

Recommended Reading

I have been focusing on the books of Joshua and Nehemiah over the past several months. I also want to Recommend a book that I am now reading for the second time called "The God Who Hung on the Cross" by Dois I JR. Rosser. It is available on Amazon.com.

Blessings From The Miller's