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MINISTRY

From December 1st through the 9th, I was privileged to be invited to Chile as the evangelist for their youth camp. The camp was held at The Salvation Army camp grounds about one hour south of Santiago.

The focus or theme of the camp was "Conquering in the land of Giants".

Using the story of David and Goliath and how David conquered Goliath, the youth were taught and prepared on how to win battles with modern day giants such as fear, obedience and disobedience to God's word

and his calling, the giant of doubt, the giant that "we cannot do it", the giants of false religions among several others.

It was as always amazing to watch as the Lord touched and changed lives throughout this camp.

During the evening, it was evident that the staff of this camp were well prepared as the services brought everything together that the youth had been taught during the day.

During the first evenings service, the main focus was our ability to fight the giants if we personally

are not prepared spiritually. 35 young people gave their hearts to Christ.

The second nights focus was on God's calling to each of us. 24 youth committed their lives to ministry and several confirmed callings to be pastors, ministers, & missionaries.

The final night was focused on solidifying God's call in their lives. Almost the entire camp was present at the altar and the Lord moved in powerful ways.

Praise God for all he did and all he is doing.

Gwen's Notes

This praise report may seem insignificant to most but to me it was huge!

We were invited to the first birthday of Joshua, the son of Reinaldo and Mirian. Reinaldo and Dan have been friends now for 20 years and he lived with us for a time, he is more like family than a friend. Well, Dan was not able to go to the party because he was in Chile but I said I would go anyway on the bus. I had never been to Atyra on the bus before so Reinaldo wrote out on a paper the possible buses I could take and some landmarks for me to get off at. The first bus that would take me within a 15 min. drive of his house, was too full, the second bus didn't stop when I signaled for it. So I prayed "Lord, I would really like an Atyra bus!". That bus would go right past their house and I wouldn't have to bother him to come pick me up at the designated landmark. About one minute later an Atyra bus came by that was clearly marked with the neighborhood that I was heading to. As I was nearing Atyra, I pulled out my paper from Reinaldo and was about to ask the young man beside me if he was from the area and if he knew the soccer field in front of Reinaldo and Mirian's house so I would know where to get off. Before I could say anything this young man looked over at my paper and asked me if I was going to Joshua's first birthday party. He was Mirian's brother! God is so good to me, not only did He answer my prayer by sending the bus I prayed for but He sent me a guide too!

Eph 3:20 Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us,

Eph 3:21 unto him *be* the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus unto all generations for ever and ever. Amen.

Praises and Prayer

Prayer Requests:

Just a short note to thank you for your prayers on behalf of our ministry in Paraguay and beyond. The evidence of your prayers is seen daily in our lives. Thank you.

National Youth Camp in Paraguay. (Gwen is in charge)
January 14-17

Camp Rentals. Please pray that the Lord will continue to provide rentals for our facilities in Paraguay.

Praise the Lord I have a confirmed an evangelist for Youth Camp. His name is Saul Riquelme and he is the National Youth Director of Chile. We stayed with him and his family in Chile when we were there and we think they are great! He will be coming with his family to spend some vacation time with us also.

Please continue to pray for me and the youth retreat on

Januray 14-17. I have the major details taken care of but there is still a lot of work to be done. Also pray for all of our local church leaders as they prepare for this camp. They also have a lot of work to do.

Prayer—Please remember Pastor Wilfrido Gonzalez in your prayers. His wife and mother of their 6 teen and young adult children passed away suddenly this past

month.

Please pray for 2 of our children from the children’s home which now have casts. Jose was blocking a penalty shot in soccer which resulted in breaking his arm. Patricia was running and playing in front of our house when she twisted her ankle. The next morning we found out that it too was broken. They are not happy.

Mathew 19:14

But Jesus said, “Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid ; for of such is the kingdom of heaven.”

Ministry pictures from our local church in Arazaty



Sunday School with the kids



Baptismal of Elena and Pati who just turned 12.



Baby dedication of Marco with his godparents and his parents





The construction has started!! The expansion of another bedroom and bathroom for the girls is the second project we are receiving paid for through the Ministry of Children's and Adolescents office. Habitat for Humanity is the non-government organization that is in charge of managing the funds for the Ministry & for this project. Habitat sent Dan a copy of

the plans and Dan had to make some changes to it because of things that they forgot or just weren't right. They called him back after they received the revised plan and asked him to do the list of materials with costs and to do the purchasing. Since Dan was able to cut some costs, they are including the roof for a front porch for the home also. This is an answer to prayer for all of us!

The first project that we have been receiving since September comes to a close at the end of December. We have been so blessed with the food, clothing, medicines, and toys they have provided. We are also extremely

grateful for the group of professionals that have worked hard for us. Included in this project was a 12 session course that I have been taking with Maria, Osvaldo and Rosa. We will have our final class next week and I for one will miss Senora Elizabeth and appreciate her training and creative ideas that she has shared with us.

We are so thankful to friends Adolfo and Sylvia for donating a computer to the Home. The children have been wanting one for some time and our high school students need it for school. Maria has made up a schedule for the kids so that each one has some time on it.

Children's home pictures



The construction site. Closing in the back porch for another girls bedroom. The roof will also be extended for a porch at the back.



Gustavo has the contract to do the work so this shot was taken while Dan and Gustavo were discussing the



Marcelo is learning how to use the new computer.



Angel looking up some of the Christian video clips that are installed on the computer.



Albertito celebrating his first birthday in front of our house. The woman holding him is his mother and she came with the cake on her lap on the back of a motorcycle.



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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 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.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to All! We will be celebrating with the kids in the Children's Home for both holidays. Maria and Osvaldo are taking a much deserved holiday from December 20-January 5. The tradition here is to celebrate on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve with a big b.b.q. and to eat around midnight. Since it will be around 100 degrees we will all go swimming during the days.

Blessings,

The Miller Family