

Paraguay Missions

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LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

January 8-10 was Paraguay's National Leadership Conference. Our National Overseer, Brother Toledo brought a group of leaders from Chile to teach, preach and minister in music.

The conference was very well attended with 66 participants. We learned many new things from these gifted teachers. The classes were Hermeneutics and Homiletics, Christian Ethics, The Art of Counseling, Church Administration and Church History and Doctrine.

On the final day of the conference Brother Toledo presented Dan with his Ministers License. Dan has been a lay



minister for many many years and as you know, he has been a pastor of a local church here for almost 2 years now. In this picture Brother Toledo, on the left, and Bishop Brizuela and Bishop Caceres, on the right, are praying over Dan and his ministry. Even though I knew that this was going to happen, I still cried.

I am very proud of my husband. Sunday before the group flew back to Chile Dan drove them out to see the camp and the Children's Home. It is always encouraging for people to see with their own eyes what is property of the Church of God of Prophecy. One of the pastors from Chile told me that meeting the children in the Children's Home was the best part of his whole trip. His wife is coming for ladies retreat in June and I won't be surprised if he joins her to spend some more time here with the kids.

Gwen's Notes

Thank you for all of your prayers for Youth Camp! There were 154 in total attendance. I am still overwhelmed and amazed at how God blessed the youth and every area of the camp.

The youth leaders worked really hard to get their youth pre-registered and the money collected in advance. This is a system they had never used before but they did it! The youth leaders were along side of me in the planning, praying and fasting. They sent me text messages of encouragement and of their commitment to help me. Their help was invaluable to me.

The youth blessed me during the camp in many ways. One of these ways was the way that they actively participated. For example: Raquel taught the 12-15 yr. old girls on Friday only. When the class time was over, the girls didn't want Raquel to end the class. I had one of the girls, age 15, beg me to let them be in her class again the following day too.

Our evangelist was Saul Riquelme, the National Youth Director for Chile. The youth loved him! Not only was he right with them in the soccer field and pool but he connected with them spiritually. Saul found a group of youth sitting in the grass with their local youth leader and he went and sat with them. This youth leader told me that Saul really blessed her kids because he came joking and before she knew it he was teaching them in this little circle in the grass.

We also had musicians from Chile come to minister with Ruben in music and teach a class to the worship leaders during camp. As one youth stated, there was a spirit of unity in the camp.



Praises and Prayer

Prayer Requests:
Central District Con-
vention, Feb 27-28

Northern District Con-
vention, March 13-14

National Ministers Re-
treat—April 7th-9th.

National Convention
April 10th and 11th

Dan and/or I are on
program for the conven-
tions.

Please pray for the fol-
lowing communities:
Quyquyho, Maria Anto-
nia, Espiniar, and La
Colonia.

We praise the Lord for our missionaries in training who have jumped in with servant's hearts. The top picture is Patricia working in the kitchen for youth camp. Even after 3 long days and a lot of work she was still smiling. Her and David helped in the kitchen for our youth camp plus with me for a church that rented the camp with food included. We even had their 3 teens serving tables along with us. The bottom picture was a bonus time



for Francisco because he had the opportunity to play drums with the group from Chile each night of youth camp.

David has been helping cutting grass and working around the camp. He has also had several invitations to preach at local churches. Kyle has invited David to preach at youth tonight. Next week he is invited to preach in the city at Pastor Lucio's church. We thank the Lord for their willing hearts.

Project finished

The project to expand the children's home is finished! We had the representatives from the Ministry of Children's and Adolescents office and Habitat for Humanity (the non-profit organization that was responsible for handling the funds) come for their final inspection. Thanks to these government funds we now have another girls bedroom and bathroom. Since they closed in the back porch for the girls room they added another porch out back but this one has a laundry sink. The home now has a hot water heater for the 3 children's bathrooms which should help with our electric bill. Our bonus feature...a new front porch roof! If all of this wasn't enough, Habitat also presented the Children's Home with 2 emergency lights, fire extinguishers, and an emergency exit sign. We had an emergency light before but it unfortunately fell to it's death some time back so we were thrilled by this extra gift.

Psalms 37:4

**Delight thyself
also in the
Lord; and he
shall give thee
the desires of
thine heart.**



The new back porch.

Maria and Osvaldo enjoying
The front porch roof. We
Will be putting in the floor
In the near future.



The older girl's new
bathroom. Since the shower
Has a curtain and the toilet
Has a door, 3 girls can use
This bathroom at the same
Time in privacy.

New bedroom for 5 girls.





We got to take the kids on their outing. We had set a date but then postponed it to wait for Pati to get her cast off so she wouldn't have to hop all day.

We loaded up in our van, Osvaldo's truck and in a brother from Carapegua's van and headed to the

city.

First we went to the zoo in Asuncion. When we got there we found out that the animal part is closed on Mondays for cleaning but we still had a good time. The kids really liked the museum there. I was with Laura, age 7, looking at all of the real, but stuffed animals. She asked me "Do they become real at night?". I think that she has watched "A Night in the Museum" too many times.

Since we had time to kill before lunch we went to the mall and let the kids walk around in the air conditioning.

We took the kids to McDonald's for lunch and the little ones spent some

time in the playground there.

Fortunately for the kids there were 3 kids movies playing at the theatre so they got to pick which movie they wanted to see.

We arrived home hot and tired so at 8:00pm we took the kids for a swim in the pool.

We are so thankful for those who gave Christmas money so the children could enjoy this day of fun and adventure.

The school year here starts back on February 23rd so I am sure the kids have some fun stories to tell their friends about how they passed their



Dan and the kids enjoying the walk around the park at the zoo.



Mercedes, Kyle, Mirian and Alejandra posing in one of many of the huge old trees at the park



All 19 children near the entrance of the park



The little ones eating at McDonalds in the kids section. The teens ate with Kyle in another part of the restaurant.



Mercedes on the slide in the McDonalds play area.



Laura showing off her beautiful white teeth.

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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.

I could not finish this newsletter without giving God praise for one more thing. Yesterday, (Friday), Alejandra from the children's home had her double hernia surgery. The surgery was free along with all the medications required. That alone is reason to give God praise! Then at meal time a social worker came to Alejandra's room and asked Maria's name, she told Maria that she would be giving the hospital cafeteria her name so that Maria could eat for free also.

God is so good! He even takes care of the little details!

BLESSINGS,

THE MILLERS

DAN, GWEN AND KYLE