

## *JUNE 2008 NEWSLETTER*

We are into the up and down fall weather. It has been 76 degrees one day and 46 degrees the next. We are very pleased to have four people visiting us from the USA. Pastor Jesse Mathews, Stephen Schaefer, from North Carolina, Jessica Wilkes from Georgia and Bethany Maney from South Carolina.

This past weekend was Paraguay's National Convention. We sat through several hours wrapped in blankets and shivering. During the Talent Time, Stephen, who is here visiting from the High Point Church, sang a song that he learned in Guarani. One of the Pastors was so thrilled that he presented him with a gift.

Dan and Stephen (who is an electrician) have installed the electricity in the new addition to the children's home, the cook's quarters for the camp and re-done some wiring of the camp. Pastor Jesse from the Autryville (Riverside) church has spent many hours on the tractor cutting the camp grass getting ready for this coming weekend when it is rented out. We have also cleaned around 100's of baby trees and moved a lot of rocks.

On a very warm evening we enjoyed a "Service under the Stars" in the front yard of one of our house churches. We had a fantastic time of testimony, prayer and worship. We didn't want it to end! It was yet another confirmation to Dan that we are heading in the right direction with house church plants.

The group also visited the school where our children attend to give out pencils and gum to the students. The teachers even asked Pastor Jesse to pray over them. We visited a few neighbors' homes to give out some clothes and toy cars. It was an eye opener for them to see just behind our camp, the poverty of our neighbors and it is a joy to help in anyway we can.

Stephen and Pastor Jesse will be flying out Sunday but we are privileged to have Bethany until June 25 and Jessica until July 4<sup>th</sup>. We have enjoyed our group of friends and our time together is flying by too fast. Please pray for them as they travel.

Saul, our camp evangelist, was asked by a neighbor that is doing some work at the camp, if he had any work pants that he could give him as he did not have any more in decent shape. Saul, who was wearing shorts under his track pants, asked Rey (the neighbor) if he liked his track pants. Rey said "yes", so Saul took off his track pants and handed them to Rey. That is God's love in action!

On a final note, we celebrated our first 15<sup>th</sup> birthday party (Rosio's) at the children's home. When a girl turns 15 in Paraguay, it is a special event for the entire family as she officially becomes a young woman and is no longer recognized as a child. We had two sets of her uncles and aunts along with some cousins come to visit for the party along with all of our group for a total of around 50 people. It was a great day for everyone. I have included a couple of photos of the party with Rosio for your enjoyment.

Blessings to All