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Returning to Visit North America

As many of you are aware, we return for twelve weeks every two years to visit our supporting churches. It is a time to renew friendships, give each of you a personal update on what is happening and where we are heading over the next two years. God has been very good to us over the past two years and has been blessing in many areas. It is also a time when we need to prepare everything here to continue functioning while we are away. We are blessed to have great people working with us who will continue the ministries while we are back in North America. One of those great people is highlighted on Page 2.

Along with Angel Escobar, (page 2), Osvaldo and Maria Dure continue doing a great job as house parents of our children's home. Their work looking after 17 children is impressive to say the least. They have incredible hearts and are very committed. We also have Gustavo Trinidad. He has been working with us in different ministries for close to 14 years now. Currently he is looking after the soccer school and doing a great job with an average of 60 kids on Saturdays. At the new church plant in Quyquyho, we are blessed to have Osvaldo and Maria Luisa Recalde. We are currently holding services in their home along with the children of

their children's home. At the local church level, Ruben and Raquel Barrios are also an intricate part of our ministry here. Ruben is one of the most gifted worship leaders I know and his wife is my co-pastor, an excellent teacher and evangelist.

I have placed all of their names here for the purpose of asking you to pray specifically for each of them especially during the next twelve weeks. They will be operating all these ministries plus our Tuesday night house church located about 2 kilometers from the camp, while we are home in North America.

Gwen's Notes

This month our National Youth Event was a "Vigilia" which is an all night service. These all night services are very common in Paraguay in all churches. Normally the program is divided into 2 hour slots of music and teaching or preaching with a recess in between each session. With the youth we have to do things a little differently though. We started the night at 10:00pm (which allowed each church to have their local youth service first) with lots of music and some teaching. Our next session was talent time. Two of our youth won a talent show on a local television channel so we started talent time off with a mini concert from them. We recognized their God-given talent and presented them with crowns (ok, they were from Burger King but they were in red and white for Paraguay's soccer team). We also had indoor games, a great prayer time for the youth, I gave 2 short talks through the night and we ended with more music at almost 6:00am. During the prayer time the Lord revealed to me a specific circumstance that a youth was going through but I didn't know who it was. I shared it during my object lesson which was about taking all the bad in our lives and allowing God to use it for good. I later found out from Angel, that youth was beside him, crying and said that that was about her. Knowing that God touched her during the Vigilia made staying up all night worth it all.



Prayer Requests:

For a car, truck or van to borrow to travel for the 3 months we are in North America.

“..for the joy of the Lord is your strength.”

Nehemiah 8:10

Praises and Prayer

On the front page, I mentioned that we have some great people working with us. I would like to introduce one of those people to you here and ask you to remember him in your prayers.

Angel Escobar is a young man, 19 years old from San Lorenzo, just outside of Asuncion. He came to us after several months of speaking to his Pastor about the possibility of joining our ministry for one year.

Leadership training is what Angel was looking for and I was looking for someone like him. He has a desire to learn about ministry, believes he has a calling but has not defined that calling yet. The idea is that he works hand in hand with me doing all that I do and in one year return to his local church to work with his Pastor.

Since March, Angel has been helping around the camp, using his musical

talents in services, sometimes several times a week, he assists with the youth occasionally, and has been my right arm in planting a new church in Quyquyho. Please pray for him as he will be assisting all our ministries while we are in North America.



More Gwen's notes

My Sunday School class got their wish! We visited some fathers in the neighborhood to give out Father's Day gifts. Just like on Mother's Day it rained, plus Dan and I had a Pastor's and National Leaders meeting with the Overseer that day so we visited them the following week. The children read scriptures and sang one of their favorite songs "I Have a Friend Who Loves Me" to each father. We gave each one a mug with the Paraguayan Soccer Team on it and a bookmark with a scripture. Who doesn't like to hear kids sing, so what a great way to get the Word out!

Two weeks ago I went with Dan and Angel to Quyquyho for the first time since they started holding services there. I watched these men in action! Osvaldo asked Dan to look at his chainsaw that wasn't working. This machine is very important to him because they cook all the food for their dining hall with wood. In a short time Dan had the chain saw buzzing and Dan and Angel helped Osvaldo cut up a pile of wood. After lunch I stood back and watched a group of teen boys that had just finished eating seek out Angel, who was sitting under a mango, to talk. Doors are opening for him with the youth. Dan and Angel went off to do some visiting and I spent the afternoon hanging out with the girls in the children's home. They just love Dan and Angel. They start on Tuesday each week talking about Dan coming to see them the following day. As soon as Dan sat down at church he had some little ones climb up on his lap. The kids love that Angel is teaching them new songs and he even came home this week with some thank you cards. Osvaldo told me that Dan came to them when they needed him the most. I love it when God opens the door when it is His timing. Tuesday night we have a house church service and the mom of the family just loves having Angel there to sing and play guitar. We have also been taking turns with the teens from our children's home taking a few at a time with us. During service Jose testified that he liked going to their house for church and wanted to come every Tuesday. As we were leaving last week Angel commented that he leaves with such joy each week from there. We agree with both of them. It is hard to describe going to such a humble little house with a humble family where the mom and dad can't read or write but we leave there feeling so enriched.



We praise the Lord again for Evelyn! She came with flip flops for all the children and running shoes and long sleeved t-shirts or turtlenecks for those that needed them. What a blessing she is!

Monica and I have had some bus adventures together. Monica was a very sick little girl a couple of years ago

and diagnosed with a kidney disease. We completely believe that the Lord healed her and every test comes out perfect but we are required to have her checked out every 6 months by a specialist. Monica and I went into the city on buses to the children's hospital for her blood and urine work. Maria rides into the city everyday on the bus with a nurse that works there and had told her when I would be coming. She took us in right past the line of people as soon as we arrived. Then the following day this wonderful nurse passed Maria the test results on the bus. I took the results and headed off again, with Monica, to the city to meet the specialist in her private clinic. I had

never been to this office before but I had a general idea where it was. We arrived early because I wanted to find it before it got dark. The doctor arrived early too so she took us in right away. As a favor to Maria she charges less than half her normal fee. (I just love Maria). Everything was going great until we discovered that there were no more buses heading back out to Carapegua. After waiting for more than 2 hours we got on a bus that took us to the next closest town and Dan had to drive to pick us up. We arrived home at 10:30pm but thankful that the test results showed that Monica is a healthy little girl.

Ministry photos



Heading out to visit some fathers in the neighborhood.



Singing to a neighborhood dad. You can barely see Alberto on the right of the picture.



Evelyn presenting Liz with her gift.



Angel leading worship time in Quyquyho



Angel with some teen boys that eat at the dininghall in Quyquyho



My servant/pastor husband cutting wood with Angel.

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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.

This is our last newsletter for a little while because soon we will be with you all. Please keep praying for the details that we need to take care of before we leave and the details or our travels. Soon we will have a new family photo to place on this page.

Blessings,

The Miller Family