

Paraguay Missions

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CAMPAMENTO CRISTIANO

Tierra Prometida

Thank you Lord!! As I sit here writing this newsletter it is raining! We are praying for several days of rain now. Last weekend Dan had a few neighbors come to him and ask permission to water their cattle in our ponds because theirs have dried up. Our ponds are at the lowest level we have ever seen them but as long as we have water, we want to help our neighbors. This is not the first time that the "Promised Land" camp has had the only water in the



May 2009 Lives changed!!!!

area and each time we have recognized it as a simple way to bless others. Last month we mentioned wanting to start a youth min-

istry in our church at the camp, well Ken and Christie have been successfully doing that. They meet every Saturday night and have been increasing in numbers each week. One of the youth who has been coming every Saturday night came to the last two Sunday services for the first time.

Dan and I have started having house services on Saturday nights with one of our church families. They want to win their neighbors for Christ.

Gwen's Notes

We have sadly said goodbye to our short term volunteers. Lori and Nathan were helping at the home in Itagua and Ryan in Carapegua. It is always amazing how quickly everyone gets attached in such a short time. We truly appreciate everything that they did and the love they poured into the lives of our children. Only time will show the real impact they have had.

Kyle had to have a minor surgery a few months ago on a in-grown toenail that had become infected. Unfortunately the new nail grew in wrong and he had to go back to the hospital last week and have it re-operated on and another round of antibiotics for the new infection. Hopefully this time the nail will grow out instead of down.



While in Canada we became aware that Kyle was also going to need a pair of glasses. We are thankful that he now has them and can see much better.

Prayer!

Please pray for the national church in Paraguay, especially during the next few weeks.

May 16 – 9:00-5:00 National Pastors meeting.

May 16 – 7pm National church service.

June 06 - National Convention. Appointment of new Overseer

Praises and Prayer

God has been placing a desire for unity and healing amongst the ministry in Paraguay.

At our National Convention on June 6th & 7th, Paraguay will receive a new Overseer.

The Lord placed a burden in the heart of a Pastor's wife to call the pastors and their wives together for prayer. Sister Arminda called us to come and talk about what she was feeling and if we would be willing to join her in this. Dan was

elected to moderate the first meeting. He called all of the pastors to invite them to prayer meetings every Monday evening until the convention. Each week, a different Pastor moderates.

Our first prayer meeting last week and there was a good turn out and we discovered that God has been calling others to pray in the same way. We had two ministers who had left the church in the past year attend the prayer meet-

ing. Dan met with one pastor the day before the meeting and the other the day of the meeting and invited them to attend. What was encouraging to us is that both of them had already been invited to attend by two other Pastors.

We are praying that God will send the person He has selected as our new Overseer, for unity and inner healing of the ministry so that the church can move forward under new leadership.

General Children's Ministry Photos



←A local banking institution donated new backpacks to all of our children in both homes for school.

Ramon and Hida Britzez. The new Parents for our second home. →



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

This past month, we opened our second home in Itagua. These are a family of five that are now part of our home. Lisa (12), Kevin(10), Luhann(6), Andres(8), Milagros(4)→



These kids are amazing!!!!

As of today, we now have 18 kids in Carapegua and 18 kids in Itagua.

We are currently preparing for the third house. We have 4-5 children already waiting.



←Gloria(10), another one of our new children now living with us in Itagua.

Thalia(11) is also a new addition to our new home→





A couple of Saturdays ago we stayed in the home with the children to give Maria and Osvaldo a day off. Dan had announced that after everyone did their daily assigned chore we would be taking them for a walk

to our property which is maybe a 5 minute walk from the home. Jose age 12, who can out eat everyone, asked me if I was going too. When I answered that I was, he got a worried look on his face and asked “then who will make lunch?”, it was 8:30 in the morning!

The children sometimes are a handful but they can always make us laugh.

The property has lots of rocks and trees so once we all got there

we let them run, investigate and play hide and go seek. It wasn't a big event in our minds but Sunday morning there were a few testimonies from the children thanking the Lord for the outing we took them on.

The children have already informed us that once we build our house they want to take turns visiting us and they said they will even help me cook and clean!

Itagua Children's Homes & Ministries

Praise the Lord for 18 children! The second home is open and full. There are 5 boys and 5 girls in this second home ranging from ages 4-13.

Dan receives many calls every week from lawyers, judges offices and children's services requesting us to take more children. We are praying to be able to open a third house as funds become available. We know

that God knows and loves these children that we haven't even met but that He is preparing to send us.

We are so thankful for the house parents, Mario and Zunilda and Ramon and Hida. Both couples have had many years of experience as house parents and they truly want to make a difference in the lives of the children.

Ramon (house dad) and I are taking a bread making course. As you have read in a past newsletter the Home has been given a wonderful new bread factory and we are learning how to make the bread so that we can help cut the costs of paying some else to run it. The goal is to produce all our own bread and then to make enough to sell to offset some of the costs for the homes.

Missions School

Ken and Christie continue to work hard at our missions school, however as in all things, decisions have to be made that are sometimes hard. Although we have had several students interested in the school, we have not had any commitments at this time. Therefore we have decided as time is against us that we will close the opportunity for opening in June and we will now shoot towards a January 2010 opening. We have several South American students interested as well, but they would need some financial assistance to participate. If you would be interested in supporting a student for a one year scholarship, please contact me to see how we could do it. Please also continue to check out the links below as they are updated often.

www.hagermans.blogspot.com—The Hagerman Family Blog Page.

www.tapemissions.org—The Missions School Web Page.

Camille and Caroline have started their own ministry called “El Puente” or “The Bridge”.

They have been connecting kids here with kids in North America as pen pals, raising funds and buying school supplies for children in our local school, buying bibles and giving them to neighborhood children.

The latest project is giving blankets to needy families as we are entering into cooler weather here. Please pray for them and their ministry.

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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. 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.

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 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.

There are 4 missions teams currently being prepared for this year. If you are interested in coming on a team this year, please contact me and I will put you in touch with the organizer of the team with the dates that you are able to come.

A missions trip will change your life!

Blessings From The Miller's