

# Paraguay Missions

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## NATIONAL CONVENTION

Our National Convention was April 10 and 11th. Many have said that it was the best convention in years. God's presence was felt in the preaching and a spirit of freedom in the worship.

The day before the convention we had a great all day Pastor's and National Leaders workshop.

Dan taught one of the classes of the workshop and preached on the Saturday of the Convention. We were also blessed to have 2 pastors as guest speakers along with a musical group from Chile. Our Overseer, Bro. Toledo, has

been working double time this past year as our Overseer and the Overseer of Chile, where he lives. We believe that an Overseer will be appointed to Paraguay in the next Assembly. We would enjoy having Bro. Toledo back full time in Paraguay, however we heard from various people in Chile, when we were there last year, that they are not willing to give him up again so we will continue praying for the person that the Lord has prepared for Paraguay. Dan was reappointed as Pastor of the Arazaty church (the local church on the camp property).

He also continues on the Direction Committee and Finance Committee and I was renamed as National Youth Director. The change for me this year is that I was given a different Assistant Youth Director. I am really looking forward to working closer with Lucia. She has one of the larger youth groups in her local church and the youth love her. She has also been a source of encouragement for me this past year as we have shared many hours working together.

## Gwen's Notes

I have been encouraging the youth on a national and local level in two areas. The first is to serve in their local church, not just be there. The second challenge that I have put out to all of the local youth groups is a community project. I have asked them to take pictures and send them to me. My desire is to make up a DVD of all their work. I have some great pictures of one youth group working on the construction of their new church. Our local church in Arazaty's community project was at the local school. Kyle organized his youth and we went to bless the school. The plan was to go and paint the preschool/kindergarten room. We primed and painted it, cut the grass and raked around the class and planted 5 shrubs at the school. The youth had fun and some of them came home with more paint on themselves than on the walls but it was a good experience. This past weekend I was to have a "Camping of the North" in Pedro Juan Cabarello about 7 hours north of us. I had to postpone it due to an "Estado de Excepcion". The best answer I could get is that the military are stepping in to assist the national police in the North to regain control after a group killed some police officers and then the mafia attempted to kill the Senator of Pedro Juan Cabarello. I was told that no public meetings can be held for 30 days. I am hoping to have the Camping of the North during the winter break in July but at this point I will play it by ear.

## Prayer Requests:

Rescheduling of the  
Camping of the North

A miracle for my  
neighbors that drink  
from the river to have  
clean tap water at their  
homes.

**“Even so it is  
not the will  
of your  
Father who  
is in heaven  
that one of  
these little  
ones should  
perish.”**

**Matthew 18:14**

## Praises and Prayer

Sometime ago the Lord put 2 needs on my heart for our community that I have been praying about.

Our children receive milk to drink at the school thanks to a government program but I knew that some of the children in our neighborhood go to school without eating

breakfast first. So my desire was something to go along with the milk. Praise the Lord that along with the milk arrived bread for the school from the government.

My second desire is water for my neighbors behind the

camp. We had a community meeting at our house with a non-government group willing to pay all the 1000 m. of lines but the water company will not waive the more or less \$200/house connection. This fee is impossible for my neighbors. Please join with me in prayer for a miracle!

## FESTIVAL OF HOPE

I had a representative of a ministry here in Paraguay, that donates rice and other food items to our Children's Home every month, come to my door. They were visiting the local churches in the area to invite us to an evangelistic campaign they were having called the Festival of Hope and on the Saturday morning "Festinos" which was an evangelistic program for children. They provided the children's bus to us for free and I just needed to rent the buses through them for the 2 nights we could attend. At \$10.00 per bus it was a token donation towards their fuel. Dan at that very moment, was in the city picking up the rice from their office so I made the decision to book it. After Dan got home we realized that I had double booked us. Dan had a wedding to perform on the Saturday night at the camp plus all the preparation work to do. It was decided that I would go with the buses.

Gustavo went to the local school to invite the kids and gave out the invitations. On the 2 nights we filled our buses with our local church, some neighbor youth and some friends from Carapegua. I wasn't sure how many children we would have for the Children's program since this was an evangelical thing plus it was held 2 towns away. I didn't think the parents would be receptive to the idea. I almost cried Saturday morning to see the children start to gather in front of my house at 5:30am. We had 13 neighbor children plus 3 of their parents come with us in the bus with a total of 37 children plus 13 adults when we left at 6am. As far as I saw every one of the youth and children that went to the campaign went forward at the altar calls. One of the neighbor moms (on the Saturday morning) tried to stop her little boy from going to the altar but he ran up front. As I was sitting drinking terere with her and another woman from our church she asked what time we had church services at the camp. God is so good! We have had a couple of the youth come out, for the first time ever, to the Sunday morning service the following day.

I had some great pictures of the Children's program with all the clowns and the skit but my camera died and took those pictures with it.





I am constantly amazed how God sends people our way to help the children. This time it is another non-government organization. They were responsible for providing the material for a class room for our local school last year. They came last month to find out more about our Children's Home and how they could help the kids. We decided on a garden pro-

ject . They had 2 men come and do a class with the kids on the importance of planting and then the next day they came to teach how to prepare the garden. Oscar came today with the seeds and showed the children the proper way to plant and water the garden. I am learning too from their teaching, like to spread 1 kilo of ashes for every 1 meter of garden to eliminate fungus growth.

The other testimony is that the Home had a need this month that Maria and Osvaldo came and presented to us. We talked about it and decided to pray. Just a few days later they had friends come and give them money for

the Home. Then a couple of days later a man came on a motorcycle with some money for the Home. He told Osvaldo that he had a fine to pay and that the Judge told him to come and pay it to the Children's Home. He brought the first half last week and is to come with the second half this week. We thank God for providing for this need for the children.

Our children's Sunday school scripture this week was "Take heed that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I say to you that in heaven their angels always see the face of My Father who is in heaven." Matthew 18:10.

## YOUTH COMMUNITY PROJECT



Kyle got elected to do all the painting of the high parts.



You can't tell in this photo but Patti has paint splatters all over her face and hair.



Rocio and Samuel painting the pillar in front of the class room.



Patti started the raking outside and the teacher and her daughter came over to help too.



Osvaldo and the teen boys installed an outside water tap and a small sink outside the kindergarten room.



Samuel cleaning his roller at the new outside tap.

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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 25<sup>th</sup> 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 had left a few spots in this newsletter for Dan to write something but then little by little I started filling it in until there was no room left for him to write. God is so amazing and I just can't keep quiet about Him. I will try and let Dan have a spot in the June newsletter though.

Blessings,

The Miller Family