

# Paraguay Missions

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## CAMPAMENTO CRISTIANO

# Tierra Prometida

Greetings once again from Paraguay. The children here are on winter break now but we are having wonderful temperatures.

We have 2 camps coming in during the winter break so we have profited the warm weather this past week to do some work outside at the camp such as grass cutting, hedge trimming etc.

The first group that is renting the camp is a ministry school. In this group are 2 friends of ours from the States. One

was a missionary here for many years. Both of these men have been a great blessing to us and we have enjoyed working together with their ministries over the years.

We were very blessed to have our pastor from Canada with us for a week. While here, Pastor Dan Chatham preached the Father's Day service at our local church. Pastor Dan had an illustration of a red cardboard heart and talked about each one of us

being God's favorite and His love for us. A couple of days ago, Kevin, the house parents 4 year old, showed us the cardboard heart that he had made and painted red just like in Pastor Dan's sermon. We were all very pleased that even the smallest ones are hearing, receiving and remembering the messages that God has for all of us.

Please continue to pray for all who attend our weekly services.

## Gwen's Notes

The Lord taught me many years ago the difference between being a servant and having a servant's heart. A servant does what is asked of them or what needs done but can have a bad and complaining attitude. A servant's heart does what is asked of them or what needs done for Jesus. God in His never ending patience with me reminded me again of this this week. I was doing several seemingly unimportant things this past week and honestly felt unimportant in the kingdom. God lovingly corrected my heart. I was gathering garbage from around the camp property and doing a few other things to get the camp ready. Not exactly glamorous missionary work to write home about. Then the Lord reminded me that the camp was His and that I was helping people enjoy their time there with Him. It was much better to thank the Lord for the camp and what He was going to do in the lives of the people who used it.

Later, while I was sweeping out the dining hall of the camp getting ready for church service I was thinking about how unglamorous the role of a pastor's wife can be. Then the Lord told me to sweep in the name of Jesus. Pretty soon I was sweeping and praying for the service and those that would be attending, and that was so much better. I am not writing this so that I will receive an encouraging letter or anything like that. I am writing this to encourage all the pastor's wives reading this and anyone else that God has called to work behind the scenes to join me in my prayer "Lord give me a servant's heart because only then will I find contentment and fulfillment."

Prayer!

Please pray for the events noted below.

July 25&26, National Leadership meetings and training.

July 20-31, Visiting team from Seneca South Carolina.

July 30—August 11, Visiting team from High Point North Carolina.

August 7-9, Leadership retreat for Pastors, wives, and national leadership.

# Praises and Prayer

Praise the Lord for our local church at the camp property!

Yesterday Dan preached on unity and fellowship in the church, so we put it into practice immediately. After service we cooked up a pig, and served it with rice salad and mandioca.

Before service started it looked like rain so we wondered it anyone would even

come. It rained some during the service but cleared up to blue skies and was a wonderful day.

Even with the uncertainty of the weather we still had 45 in service. We had almost everyone doing something from chopping vegetables to setting up tables. While we waited for the meat to cook one of the young ladies even transplanted a plant for me in

front of the dining hall.

We count it a privilege to serve as their Pastors. Even at 4:30 am Sunday morning when Dan received a message from one of the young ladies to pray for her mother who was sick we still count it an honor to be called upon. Please pray for us for wisdom and guidance to lead this wonderful group of friends.

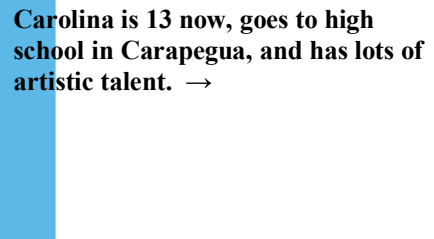
## Photos of some of the kids from our home in Carapegua



←Rosio, now 16 years old is hoping to be an accountant. She goes to high school in Carapegua.



↑ Monica is 9, and doing great. She has not had any more medical problems since she was healed of her kidney problems.



Carolina is 13 now, goes to high school in Carapegua, and has lots of artistic talent. →



←Jose 12, Is one of the most changed kids in the home. He can also eat more than anybody I know.



→Samuel 13, brother of Rosio, also attends high school in Carapegua. He wants to drive trucks like is uncle.



**Jeremiah 29:11**

**For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope.**



Christmas in June! I, (Gwen), often say that we need to celebrate Christmas in July during the winter here and not in December when it is 100+ degrees. I guess it is the Canadian in me that can't get into the Christmas spirit unless it is cold. Well there wasn't a tree up

on June 21st but it did feel like Christmas came for the kids.

A friend of ours, Evelyn, has started her own business and is doing very well. She called us and told us that she was about to get paid for a big job she had done and was thinking about the children and what they may need. Maria and I sat down and made a list right away. Since the list for 18 was big, including 17 pairs of shoes, I wrote on it that she didn't need to feel obligated to buy it all but that anything she bought would be a blessing. Evelyn bought everything on the list!

Praise the Lord!

We picked up all of her gifts from her apartment and delivered them the following day after church. Father's day seems to be a hard day for the children so I do not take it as a coincidence that God would arrange so great a blessing to come to the children on this otherwise sad day. Yet again a reminder from God that He as their Heavenly Father loves them more than any earthly father ever could.

Evelyn is pictured below in the top

## Recent Photos of Christmas in June at the Children's Home



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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 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.

Once again we wish to say thanks to each of you that write to us. We check messenger, skype, and facebook several times a week and will do our best to respond quickly. We really appreciate hearing from you.

Dan writes.....

We recently had our Pastor from Canada here for an eight day visit. While the primary purpose was mission business related, we were also able to spend some time together sharing, fellowshiping (read "eating"), and laughing together. It is always a joy to have him around and my only complaint was that eight days was way too short. Please Pray for him and the ministries of the local church in Collingwood Ontario Canada.

To all our Canadian friends, Happy Birthday Canada, and to all our American friends, Happy 4th of July!!!!

Blessings From The Miller's