

# Paraguay Missions

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## MINISTRY IN QUYQUYHO

Dan Writes: Over the past couple of months, I asked you to join us in prayer for the towns of Quyquyho and Maria Antonia. I have also included some information about them in the past newsletters. I would like to ask you to continue praying that the Lord will open the doors as we believe He is already doing.

Two weeks ago, we officially began services in Quyquyho at the home of our friends, Osvaldo and Maria Luisa Recalde. We have agreed that we will conduct services in their home on Wednesday nights from now

until I return in October after the General Assembly. While I am away, they will continue having services with the help of other folks. Once we return from the General Assembly, we will begin services on Sunday afternoons as well.

During the days of Wednesday and Thursday we are visiting friends of theirs as well as neighbors from the town and out lying areas. Osvaldo and Maria Luisa have lived there for a long time and know almost everyone in the area. They also are very active in their own ministry of a dining hall which feeds from 100 to 150 children for lunch Monday through Friday.

They also have a Children's Home very similar to ours.

In the town of Quyquyho there are about 1,000 youth and children attending the local schools which gives us a great opportunity for youth and children's ministries. This is a rural community with very little for the youth and children to do.

Please continue praying for the area of Maria Antonia. We are hoping to begin a work there as well. Also pray for our friends and each family we meet that the Lord will open their hearts to His Word.

## Gwen's Notes

I was stumped for a Mother's Day project or craft for my Sunday School class. In a "normal" Sunday School that would not be a problem but I have to remember, that in my class, there are also 9 children from the Children's Home. So my question was what to make that Maria would want to receive 9 of.

As I mentioned in this section last month about a community project that our youth did, well this time we did a community Mother's Day project with the kids. On Mother's day it rained so we had church in the Children's Home with Maria as the only mom. The kids still did their poems for her and we honored her as the mother of 18! The following Sunday was a beautiful day so when we were dismissed to go to our Sunday school class we headed out walking. We visited 6 mom's in the community. One of my neighbors started to cry as soon as I told her that we were there to "bless her as a mom". She came and hugged me and cried as the children said their poems and we sang her a song about how big God's love is. Two of the ladies that we visited are older grammas. It was so cute that both of them tried to do the actions with us as we sang to them. One of the little boys in my class is extremely shy so I asked him to give a gift bag to one of the mom's along with Marcelo. When it was time for the gift, Alex was no where to be found, he got stage fright and had run down the road.

It was so much fun and the kids loved it! They wanted to visit a bunch more neighbors and asked if we can do something in the community for Father's Day too.



## Praises and Prayer

### Prayer Requests:

Please pray for the towns of Quyuqyho and Maria Antonia as the Lord opens doors for ministry.

Pray for our family as we are preparing to return for the General Assembly as well as visit local churches.

Another prayer answered! Last month I mentioned the need for water to my neighbors behind the camp. We had another meeting at our house this week between the water committee, our neighbors and the non-government organization (Sepa). After a lot of discussion Sepa has promised 3 community taps down the road for my neighbors in July or at the latest August, and the water committee will not charge

ANY connection fee. I am still so excited about this that I can't stop talking about it.

The commitment was also made that next year when Sepa has their next amount of funding they promise to put in the water to all 100 plus homes in Arazaty that do not have access to water. This group can only buy material they can not give the water committee money for the connection fees so they have agreed to negotiate an exchange.

The water committee will receive another well or whatever they need to make this happen in exchange for the fees.

I am so thankful that my husband is so persistent. This had come to a stand still but he kept talking to both groups to meet again with the neighbors.

God is so good to go above and beyond what we asked for!

## Youth Ministry in Arazaty

Let me take this spot to brag about Kyle. This past Saturday, I (Gwen) had volunteered to do the "Talk Time" for youth. Kyle had prepared a bunch of new games for the youth and he knows how to keep a crowd. They play some games then there is the "Talk Time" and then they play some more.

Kyle helped me do a skit that illustrated the scripture that I was about to talk about. It was a lot of fun and a little silly. I talked to the kids about the importance of the Bible in our everyday lives and left 11 New Testaments on the pulpit when I was done. I was thinking that maybe they would be more likely to take them if it was kind of hidden like, on their way out the door. Kyle got up as soon as I was finished and told the youth "Okay, you have heard about the importance of the Bible, so who wants one?". Of the 11 neighbor youth that were present, 10 of them took Bibles. I was so overwhelmed seeing them crowding around Kyle to receive their Bibles.

That same night one of our neighbors was having a very loud party. It was great to know that 24 youth (13 church youth plus the 11 neighbor youth) were here listening to the Word of God and having a lot of good fun. From my house I could hear the music from the party and a lot of laughter from the youth in the camp dining hall. After youth a bunch of them always come down to drink terere with Kyle in the front yard.

Pictured here are some of the youth playing the blanket game. They had to fold the blanket in 2 without anyone getting off the blanket.



**I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go into the house of the Lord."**

**Psalms 122:1**



Once again we thank God for our friend Evelyn! She called Dan asking what the kids might need now that the weather has turned colder. She bought a pair of fleece pants for each child. This weekend she is coming again with some more things for the kids. The Lord has really blessed her business and she wants to give back.

I (Gwen) had a visit from the nurse of the local health unit wondering when we could bring the kids for their HINI shots. It rained the day that I committed to go with the kids so the nurses came to us. The kids weren't happy about the visit but I am glad that we got our shots too before we need to travel.

When the weather turned colder and I was digging out our winter clothes I came across some beads leftover from when the High Point group was here last year. This was the beginning of "Crafts at Gramma's House". I took turns having the girls and boys over for 2 different crafts each.

With the boys we did the "Color Bracelets". I'm sure that you all know this evangelistic bracelet with each color having a meaning such as the black bead represents the sin in our hearts and the red bead represents the blood of Jesus that was shed to pay for our sins and so on. Miguel came over early so I did his bracelet with him first. When the rest of the boys arrived and I was telling them about the bracelet and it's story, as soon as I held up the black bead, Miguel called out the it was for the sin in our hearts. It was great to know that he was listening to the message and not just the craft.



Maria with the pile of new fleece pants to hand out.

The girls modeling their new pants and I think Liz has a future in modeling.



Soccer school is growing! This week there were 51 kids. This is not just about soccer at the end Gustavo does a "Talk Time" with the kids.



Crafts at Gramma's House. Well on my front porch this day.



May 14 was the 285th anniversary of the town of Carapegua. There was a ceremony and parade in front of the Catholic church. In that parade were our high school students.

Rocio, with her grade 12 class, made for a beautiful baton twirler.



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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.

Please keep us in your prayers as we have a little over a month before we head to North America for 3 months and we have lots of things to finalize here in local and national ministry. We also have the camp rented twice in July and have 3 big jobs that need completed on the camp before then.

The Miller Family