

Paraguay Missions

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TRIP TO CHILE

We have just returned from the South American Leadership Conference in Chile. There were 180 leaders from the various nations present. We were blessed to sit under the teaching and preaching of many International Headquarters officials.

I (Gwen) participated in the classes for pastor and overseer's wives taught by Cathy Payne, Bess Howard and Diana Garcia. I learned many new things that I will put into practice in our ministry and have already been sharing

with the Pastor's wives in Paraguay.

Dan was given a few minutes to do a presentation about our camp and to share with the conference about our work. Thankfully he had his computer with him so he could show pictures along with his presentation.

It was exciting to listen to what God is doing in the nations of South America and to hear the vision of Brother Randy Howard.

Dan had the opportunity to

preach at 2 local churches in Santiago, Sunday morning and Sunday night.

We stayed with the National Youth Director of Chile. It was great for me to find out about the youth ministry there. It was also a great opportunity for Dan and Saul (the Youth Director) to get better acquainted because Dan is preaching his youth camp in December in Chile.

We also got to see some old friends from Paraguay that now live in Chile.

Gwen's Notes

If we are friends on Facebook you have already heard about Albertito. He is a beautiful, almost 11 month old abandoned baby, that we are looking after. When Dan received the call about him from the Codeni (basically Children's Services) he didn't even want to ask Maria and Osvaldo if they could take him in the Children's Home. A baby is a lot of work and they have enough to do with 18 children, so he called me. When they brought Albertito to us he had a fever. The judge gave us a Judges Order to the Director of the Hospital to treat him. I ended up staying 3 days in the hospital with him because he had pneumonia. Since they declared him highly infectious we were given a private room with our own bathroom, which was great. We received him on the 12th of October and explained that we could only keep him until the 26th because we would be leaving for Chile the following day. The mother returned to the area but so far has not completed what the judge has required of her so they would not let her take him home. The lawyers office asked us to keep him for another day or 2. Maria and Osvaldo agreed to keep him with them. The day before we returned from Chile we found out that Albertito was still in the Home. When we arrived here, we took Albertito back to our house for a few hours until Maria came with one of the older girls and asked if they could have him back because they were all missing him. We don't know for how long we have this precious little guy but we do know that he is healthy now and has been very loved here and that is the job that the Lord gave us to do, to love each other.



Prayer Requests:

National Youth Camp
in Chile
December 5-8
(Dan is the evangelist)

National Youth Camp
in Paraguay. (Gwen is
in charge)
January 14-17

Praises and Prayer

On October 17-18 Dan traveled to the Chaco with the Area Overseer and 4 young people. The purpose was to organize a new church with 33 members, to appoint the Pastor and 3 new pastors to this indigenous work covering over 300 kilometers. Dan was the secretary for the day and recorded it all for the national church books. He also had the opportunity to preach the Sat-

urday night service and enjoyed their unique style of worship.

Please pray for Paraguay's upcoming Youth Retreat. I need to have the program finalized by November 15 and I do not have the evangelist yet.

The theme of the retreat is "What is the plan for my life?" Please join me in prayer for the youth of

Paraguay, that as they discover how God wants to use them, they be set on fire for God and rise up in leadership!

Please continue to pray for me as I am invited to the churches to speak. The weekend that Dan went to the Chaco I spoke at our local church on the Sunday morning. The Lord knows this is stretching me but I want to be a useful vessel.

More Praises

Habitat has not started the expansion on the children's home yet but they have been here again taking measurements and we are anticipating their work to start soon. The engineer working with the Ministry of Children's Affairs is trying to figure out how to fit a front porch into the budget. We are all very excited about this expansion project that isn't costing us a thing.

Dan was called by the Ministry of Children's office to come the following day to a meeting. Normally these meetings are short so we all went in as a family including Albertito to do some things in Asuncion. Little did we know that it was a 4 hour workshop for the children's homes and dining halls receiving Ministry funding. The Minister of Children and Adolescents was giving her opening greetings to the group and Albertito, in an extremely happy mood, keep squealing so I took him outside. While I was outside the baby keep babbling to a young boy of 12 who was sitting in front of the office waiting for the directors of the children's home he was from to be finished. He looked very sad and so I used the baby as an excuse to go and sit with him. I started asking him questions and he told me he had lived on the street until 15 months ago. I felt the Lord had a message for this sad young man. He got a big smile on his face as I told him that God loved him and that he was very special to God and that the Lord had a purpose for his life. I thank the Lord for using a baby to open a door.

As I sit here typing this letter, I have had several of the children come to the door and ask what I am doing. I explained to them that I am writing a letter to the people in Canada and the U.S. that support us. Each one has said "say hi to Randi or Debra (from Seneca) or Carol (Canada) etc. I just wanted to share with you that the kids remember the various people that have visited them and you still have a special place in their hearts.

Psalms 18:29

In your strength, I can crush an enemy; with my God I can scale any wall.

Taken from "The Book"



First let me apologize that the last line of this section got cut off of last months newsletter. Thank you for letting me know. In this part I was talking about the fencing for the Children's home. The report from the Ministry of Children's Affairs under the social aspect listed the - "community friends as a positive" is

how it was to read.

God knows what we need always before we do. Along with the medicines the foundation bought for the home, they bought an inhaler/vaporizer which I needed to use for several days on Albertito after we returned from the hospital.

Last month I told you about the 300 meters of chain link fencing and posts to be purchased for the home. Dan wanted to include the camp caretakers home (where we live now) in the fencing so he was going to purchase an additional 75 meters of fencing. Since Dan found the fencing and posts at such a good price the foundation paid

for all 375 meters of fencing with posts. God is so good to us! We sure do wish we had a mission team down here right now to install it!

I also mentioned a community project the psychologist and social worker wanted to do. Well they went to the little school where 13 of our kids attend, and to the younger grades, showed a cartoon video on dental hygiene and gave out toothbrushes. For the older grades they brought a friend who gave a basic first aid class and they did various hair styles on the girls. They have also provided the machine to do the blood tests for Rosa (who cooks in the home) for

Our new brothers and sisters in the Chaco



The Church of God of Prophecy in the Chaco.

4 new Pastors appointed to this indigenous region



Worship Service in the church

Pastor Palacios and the 4 youth that went with Dan to the Chaco



The women with their long wrap skirts on one side of the church.

The men on the other side of the church.



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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.

A few more prayer requests.

It has been over 100 degrees for several days now and this is still spring! There have been 5 deaths so far in Paraguay because of the heat. Please be praying for the elderly and those who don't have electricity in their homes for fans.

As well we would appreciate prayer for the areas of Encarnacion and Neembucu in southern Paraguay which have had sever flooding over the past month. Many thousands of people according to the news are affected by the flooding.

Blessings,

The Miller Family