

November 2007 Newsletter

Millers' November Newsletter - Greetings Everyone

Once again it has been a very busy month with lots of traveling and some construction at the camp.

The first week of October I spent in Ciudad del Este on the border with Brazil. I took Saul, Gustavo, and Ruben with me for 6 days of evangelism and teaching. For 5 nights we held public services on a vacant lot in front of the local church which is owned by one of the church members. Several people made decisions for Christ and their names and addresses were taken. Discipleship began as soon as the services were finished and many of them are already participating in the local church on a regular basis.

One of the highlights of the week occurred on the third evening of services while I was preaching. One of the neighbors, a lady that lives four doors down from the local church and has a reputation of being very anti-Christian (she was the local troublemaker for the church) was sitting in her front yard with a group of 12-15 youth as was normal each evening. She runs a store out of the front of her home and it is the neighborhood hangout. As the services would move into worship time, she would turn her music up louder to compete with us. However on this night she did not do that. At some point during the service, she walked across the road and sat down beside Gustavo. She began weeping and then crying and began to tell him everything that was wrong with her life. Gustavo lead her to the Lord before we got to the altar call and the neighborhood troublemaker became a child of Christ.

The following morning, one of the neighbors of the church, a Christian from another local church in the area, who had volunteered to help us, was visiting several families around our area inviting them to come to the services that night and learned that many of them had made decisions right in their homes during the same message that they listened to through the sound system. It is amazing to watch the Lord work and pull things together that we were not even aware of.

Following Ciudad del Este, we returned to Asuncion and Carapegua and I began to make plans for the next trip up north to the city of Concepcion. I went for the purpose of teaching with Pastor Sergio Morel and the national overseer Reinaldo Nunez for two days of intensive classes.

As I have been doing at every teaching opportunity, I taught on discipleship. I am constantly amazed at how little has been taught on that topic. The thinking has always been that if they want to come to service, then they will come to us. However changes are taking place and discipleship is beginning to grow.

Kyle continues to do very well at school. He finishes the school year in November and we are looking forward to being able to travel together when I go to visit churches, teach, and so on. Remember that on this side of the world, summer is from November to March. Speaking of which, we have already had temps in the 115 degree F range. If anybody wants to enjoy some heat, come on down for a visit.

Gwen and Kyle also began a children's program for the kids on Sunday mornings at the camp. They are going to do it once every couple of weeks and see if we can grow it through the children at the local school. The first one went very well, and the children wanted to continue after church service finished. As it grows, we will move into a full time Children's ministry on Sunday mornings. Please pray.

At the camp, we are getting ready for our camping season. It begins the last week of November and goes through the second week of February. We are excited as this year appears to be the best year we have had to date with the camp rentals. Please pray that we will be able to fill every weekend. Self sufficiency is still our goal for the camp. The camp staff building, that we began to build last year, lacks a few finishing touches but is ready to use. During the past couple of weeks we have been working on our pig pens for raising pigs to go along with our chickens. That will be finished during the next couple of weeks. We currently have 16 pigs with about 16 more on the way.

We have also been helping the local school (where the children from our home go to school) build a new classroom. We are hoping that the board of education will permit our school to include grades 7-9 so that our children can continue to go there. Otherwise, after grade 6 they will have to change schools and walk about 3.5km to and from school. We have discovered that many of the children in our neighborhood quit at grade six because the parents do not want their children walking that distance down a road with no lights, especially the girls. Therefore as the president of the parents' commission, I have solicited permission, along with the director of the school, for three more grades. Please join us in prayer for this need. I will not allow our girls to walk down that road either.

Saul, our evangelist continues to do a good job in the area of the camp. This coming week he is beginning to implement the "Alpha Course" in three locations where he is regularly holding services. We are also planning over the next few weeks to move into a new neighborhood further south of the camp. Please join us in prayer asking the Lord to open the doors in this area.

As I promised in October's newsletter, we are going to try to highlight one child each month and tell you a little about them. Once again I want to share with you the amazing blessings that those of you who support our children are pouring into their lives through this ministry. You are helping to not only transform their present conditions, but also to transform their entire future. This month I want to focus on Carolina.

Carolina is now 12 years old. She came to our home when she was 10 years old, along with her two sisters, Patricia and Mercedes from our local town of Carapegua. Carolina is the oldest child in the home at 12. She is very bright, beautiful and intelligent and her marks at school are all close to 100%. She is graduating from Grade 6 this month. Some days she says that when she grows up she wants to be a hairdresser and other days she wants to be a doctor.

The three girls grew up in an area of Carapegua behind the local cemetery with their mother. However their mother was very unstable, in need of medical and psychological help and was not able to look after her girls. The local social worker brought the three girls to our home.

As Carolina would walk to school each day she would collect and gather natural medicines (roots, grass, leaves, branches, plants, weeds, etc.) and sell them door to door and then do the same on her way home from school to help her mother. She literally became an expert on many of the natural medicines. If any of us are sick at the camp, we often ask her to get us the natural medicines we need. She then heads off to the bush and finds what we need.

Please continue to pray for our home and everyone in it. I am thrilled the Lord has included this home as part of our ministry here in Paraguay. It is such a blessing.

Blessings to all from Dan, Gwen, and Kyle