

October 2007 Newsletter

Greetings Friends - from Paraguay

Let us start with some news from our children's home. It is wonderful watching the growth of the children, taking into account where they came from and where they could be right now if we had not been able to intervene in their lives. Every day I am blessed by the opportunity to have our home in Paraguay and for the opportunity we are giving these abandoned children.

We are going to start today in this newsletter to try to tell you about one of our children. Today we are going to focus on Monica as there continues to be a need in her life for healing.

Monica Lopez is now 7 years old. She has been in our children's home for about two years now. She was the second child to arrive in our home. When she arrived, we were informed by the local social worker that she had been basically abandoned by her family. We have no record of who her father is and her mother has severe mental problems and was not looking after her. Monica was picked up off the streets of Carapegua after an extended time of being alone, and brought to us. Her body from head to toe was covered with parasites and lice. She basically had no social skills and very little self esteem.

Today she is a beautiful little girl that loves to play and be with the other children. I call her my little "muneca" which is my little doll. She also loves to be held and shown affection which is something that all of our kids enjoy as well.

During the past several months, Monica began to show signs of blood in her urine. We have had her in the hospital for extended stays twice so far with other visits to a doctor. So far the doctors have not been able to find any reason for the blood. They have done every test possible with the exception of a biopsy of her kidneys. That is being scheduled right now. We are very grateful that the needle for the biopsy which costs \$100.00 was recently donated through the Ministry of Children's Affairs and a local Foundation in Paraguay.

This past weekend while we were at the home, Monica began to bleed again in her urine. It is always accompanied by high fever and swelling of her body as her kidneys cease to function properly for an unknown reason. Please pray for Monica and for her healing. The doctors believe that the biopsy may show that she has Lupus which is very rare in children under 15 years of age. We are asking the Lord for total healing and restoration of any damage to her kidneys.

Now, on to other news. Our first day of spring was a 106 degrees F, a beautiful day by my standards and an incredibly hot day for Gwen. Two days later it dropped to 70 degrees F and we broke out the sweaters again as it really felt cold.

Gwen and I were privileged to be invited to a "by invitation only" 4 day seminar, sponsored by the First Lady of the Nation, and Jesus Responds To The World Today

Ministries, on trauma and sexual abuse of children. It was very informative and gave us the opportunity to understand the behavior of some of the children we deal with in our children's home. Some of our children have been sexually and physically abused before coming to us.

The first two days were taught by an American Christian Psychologist who travels all over the world teaching on this topic. This gentleman is also a Pastor and based all of his teachings on the Bible. That too was incredibly informative.

The last two days were taught by two other psychologists from Buenas Aires. They focused primarily on how to discover sexual abuse in children. During this part of the seminar, doctors, nurses, lawyers, firemen, paramedics, and teachers also participated. It was 4 days very well spent for both of us.

This past weekend I was able to preach at our national youth convention with approximately 200 youth present. Like many services in Paraguay, it was held outside below a group of mango trees. It was very encouraging to see a lot of new faces among the youth. Saul, our evangelist at the camp, was very proud to be able to present 5 youth from our ministries around the camp. It was the first time that 4 of them had participated in anything like a youth convention. On the way home they asked Saul when the next event like that is scheduled.

During the coming 2 months I am scheduled to do three evangelistic campaigns. I am leaving tomorrow for the first one in Ciudad del Este on the border of Paraguay and Brazil. It will begin Wednesday the 3rd and run through Sunday the 7th. The second is planned in the northern tip of Paraguay in the city of Pedro Juan Cabaellero. Following that, I will be doing a third in San Lorenzo just outside of Asuncion. On October 27th, I have been invited by The Church of God to preach at their national youth congress on the topic, "Fear Not; Preach the Gospel". It is always a privilege to work with God's people and, especially, to work side by side with other churches and denominations.

Please pray for all of these events. Please remember the following scripture:

Rom 10:14 & 15

How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in Him whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?

and how shall they preach, **except they be sent?**

Remember that it is you that have sent us to do this work. Thank you for this amazing opportunity and privilege. You are our partners in ministry. Thank you for being our partners. Lives are being changed daily in Paraguay because we are working together.

Blessings to all
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