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CAMPAMENTO CRISTIANO

Tierra Prometida

It is officially spring in Paraguay and we have been enjoying some beautiful sunny days!

We have moved out to the camp property. A friend of ours offered to move us with his truck. Dan called Emilio on a Monday to find out what day he was free to move us because we could work around his work schedule. Emilio was available that Thursday at 7:00am. Well having really 3 days to pack and clean my house was a shock but with the Lord's

help we did it. Emilio was tied up with his work and so he sent one of his drivers and a helper. They did all the heavy lifting and all we had to pay was the gas for his truck. Thank the Lord for taking care of the details for us! Last month I wrote about the electrical work needing done down to what is now our house and the children's home. It ended up costing more than anticipated but thanks to love offerings from Seneca and High Point, Dan and an area electrician got

the job done. We are already noticing the difference that it has made. A couple of weeks ago when I was delivering some clothes to a neighbor lady she thanked me in the same way she always has over the years "thank you for always thinking about us!". That was very sweet and all the thanks I needed. She told me should would go put the clothes in the house. She returned with a kilo of cheese that she had made and gave it to me as a gift.

Gwen's Notes

September 21st was not only the first day of spring here but it was also the Day of the Youth. Being the National Youth Leader I sent out many text messages to local youth leaders congratulating them on their day. I found it very funny that many responded "same to you"!

That night was an Area South youth service. It was organized by one of the youth leaders so all I had to do was say a few words and they had invited Dan to preach. Dan and I did not talk about what the other was going to speak about but we completely overlapped. The Lord gave me 2 scriptures but I only talked about one, well Dan preached both scriptures! I love it that the Lord can use us as partners in ministry. We had 9 youth with from our local church and 2 unsaved neighbors with us at the service. One of the young men that came with us to the service was at our house that day drinking terere (a cold tea type drink) and heard us talking about our evening plans. He asked Dan if he could come with us and that night he along with 6 others gave their hearts to the Lord!

The following Saturday was the Area Central youth service. I moderated and the youth leader of that church had asked Dan to preach. There were around 100 youth from the area churches and many came forward to the altar to commit their plans to the Lord!!

I was feeling pretty good that this system was working out pretty good I get invited to things as National Youth Leader and Dan preaches!! Well that didn't last long, this Saturday I am speaking at a local youth service in the city and I am having requests from the leaders as to which date I can speak at their youth services. Please pray for me because if you know me at all you know that I like the behind the scenes things. Please pray that the Lord will give me boldness!

Prayer Requests

October 17-18, Dan traveling to the Chaco.

October 27-November 4 Dan and Gwen in Chile for an International Leadership Conference.

November 5th to 12th, trip to Northern Chaco.

National Youth Camp January 14-17

Praises and Prayer

Dan celebrated his birthday this month. He tried to work but friends had other plans for him. Dan was on the tractor cutting grass in the camp when the visitors started to arrive. We had 2 car loads of friends come out from Asuncion shortly after 8:00am to spend the morning with Dan. The Boss family is like part of our family here. The oldest daughter Evelyn has been

shown in our newsletter a few times giving gifts to the children. They brought pastries, gifts for Dan and candies for all the children.

One neighbor man arrived at 8:30 am with something under his sweatshirt. He presented Dan with a bottle of pop as a present for his birthday.

The kids were very excited about Dan's birthday so we

ate together with them for supper. I had lots of helpers making the rice salad and peeling mandioca. Maria made Dan chipa guazu (basically a cornbread with corn and lots of cheese). Osvaldo barbecued the meat and the kids ate so much they barely had room for the chocolate cake. I made enough to feed an army so the following day we all ate the leftovers.

More Praises

The children's home was chosen for yet another project through the Ministry of Children and Adolescents. This time a construction fund.

When we went to the Ministry office for the meeting about this project we found our friends Osvaldo and Maria Louisa from Quyquyho had been chosen for this fund also. After the meeting we went for coffee with them to talk about the blessings of the Lord!

The foundation the Ministry has chosen to coordinate this project with us is Habitat. The government puts up all the money and the chosen foundation is accountable to see the project fulfilled.

Habitat is to let us know the final details soon because the work is to start on October 28th. They are planning to close in the back porch to be used as another girls bedroom and extend the roof so that Maria still has a place to hang the clothes outside even when it rains. They also want to add another bathroom for the girls.

The other bonus to us is that they want to hire local help. It just happened that the day that they were there Gustavo was there working on Maria and Osvaldo's bathroom. So the foundation got to see the man we want to do the work.

When the project is finished they will also do all the final blueprints of the Home to submit to the Municipal office for us.

Psalms 18:29

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

Taken from "The Book"



Last month we shared with you the blessing the Home has received through the Ministry of Children and Adolescents office and that we would share more as we knew more. The team of professionals that are working with us, free to us, are excellent. The psychologist and social worker wanted to learn more about the area

surrounding the Home so they went to the kids school with us. The principal and teachers were joking around with them asking if they could help them too. As it turns out they do have a community project in mind, they will be having a workshop at the school in the near future.

Maria adapts the menu to whatever groceries the nutritionist sends each week. The kids don't seem to mind that Maria now makes her pizza crusts with part whole wheat flour so it is all good!

Through the "clothing fund" each child received a new outfit and a pair of shoes.

Next week we are to receive a bag of medicines for the children. This group is very good to listen to what we want and need, so they let Maria make the list of the medicines that she uses and needs most.

The Home is to receive 300 meters of chain link fencing and posts to install around the house and garden area. At first we didn't know what to think about that because many neighborhood children come everyday to play marbles and soccer and was the plan to separate them. My concerns were relieved yesterday when I read one of their reports about the social aspect of our children and they listed the

HAVING SOME FUN!!!!



Tio (Uncle) Dan & two of the princesses.

Gwen playing with the girls.



Dan's birthday celebration

Kyle is their hero



Tio Osvaldo and Tio Dan playing marbles with the kids



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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 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.

Please keep us in your prayers for God's protection and guidance. Dan will be doing some traveling within Paraguay for some very exciting ministry possibilities which we will talk about in the next newsletter. At the end of this month Dan and I are travelling to Chile for an International Leadership Conference for our churches in South America.

Blessings.

The Miller's