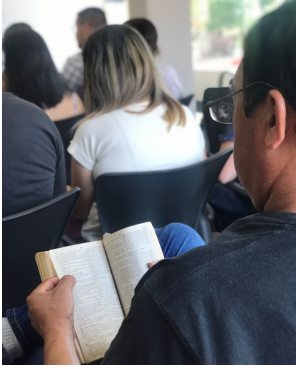


Bomers in Paraguay

June 2022



Church service

¡Hola! from Presidente Franco, Paraguay. We hope that this letter finds you well as you get into the full swing of summer. Here in Paraguay, we are enjoying some cooler weather of winter, but hopefully not for too long. It is hard to believe that it has been one year since we returned from our last home assignment in the United States. Since that time, we've had our fair share of changes and difficulties, but God's faithfulness remains increasingly clear. We are excited to share the message of His grace and love for us and equipping the next generation of church leaders here on the Triple Border of Paraguay.

In March of this year, we saw a dream become a reality as we opened the doors of Iglesia Biblica Bereana in Presidente Franco, a neighboring city of Ciudad del Este, where we started our work in October of 2017. We settled on the name Berean Bible Church based upon the story from Act 17:11, which describes the great eagerness of the Bereans to examine the Scriptures in order to understand and believe in the truth of the gospel. We want our church to have the reputation of being firmly rooted in God's word, knowing it alone is sufficient for knowing Him, His grace and His will for the Church. Working through the logistics and arrangements for this second church plant brought back a lot of memories of going through the same process when our team planted Iglesia Biblica Gracia in May of 2018. We even had the privilege of having one of our dear friends, Tatiana Faria, helping us with the preparations, just as she had four years earlier. Seeing this long-term goal come to fruition certainly had its setbacks along the way. Whether it was the pandemic, or other extenuating circumstances, we are content knowing that God brought together a fantastic group of both new and old friends to create a church family.



Jerry preaching

We are excited about cultivating the ministries of the new church plant with weekly Bible studies, youth group, and men's and women's small groups. Eventually, we would like to develop a program for reaching the children of the area, similar to the one that we continue to work with in the CDE church. Following the holiday break, we saw a decrease in children attending the Saturday morning program that we've been running since July of 2021. We had always noticed a trend of parents giving their children chores at 10:00am on Saturdays, though the kids roamed the streets freely every other day of the week. Eventually, we heard that parents in the neighborhood were telling the kids not to attend the children's program. Gloria, a woman from the church who has been passionate about the ministry from the beginning, decided to ask the parents if they would send the children to a program that provided educational tutoring prior to the normal 10:00am meeting. To our surprise, many of the 8-year-olds don't know the alphabet and cannot count past twenty. With this in mind, the parents gladly obliged to the new program, and we saw 35 children the first week. Gloria is now the leader of the program and working to recruit more church members to develop this fantastic approach to ministry and building community in the area. This is just one small example of our overarching plan to launch ministries, while simultaneously training and encouraging our national church family to take ownership of the endeavor.



Sunday School



Since the beginning of the year, we've had a few highlights outside of our general ministry activity. We had the privilege of hosting and getting to know two individuals who came to Paraguay to gain some additional experience on the mission field, as they seek out God's guidance in their next steps toward serving Him internationally. In April, we were able to go up to Florida for a couple of weeks to visit with several members of Sandi's family and a few good friends as well. We had a great time and made lots of memories. In May, we had the pleasure of engaging in a team building retreat, which was presented by GMI's Team Care Coordinator, Cliff Tulsie, who was accompanied by Jim and Macie Fosse who assisted him during their weeklong visit. Their time with us was one of encouragement and refreshment, as we were able to spend three nights at resort across the border in Brazil. We are grateful for the learning experience, as well as their investment in our family, team, and ministry. As we head into this next season here in Paraguay, we ask that you pray for God's guidance in all things. For the next year, we will be looking to develop and solidify this second church plant, while prompting and encouraging national leadership to understand their role in God's work here in Paraguay.

With utmost gratefulness,
JERRY, SANDI, ADDI, CLAY AND CORA BOMERS



• Florida •



• Team Retreat •



• Saturday Kids Program •



• Tatiana's birthday •

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