

# Bomers in Paraguay

November 2020



Speaking in churches

Greetings from our family to yours during this holiday season!

We are so thankful for your prayers and support all year round, but we are also especially grateful for your desire to see the gospel of Jesus Christ preached around the world. We are writing you from Michigan, USA right now as we are back for the holidays and home assignment. We look forward to seeing a number of you during the winter and spring mission conferences and church visits while we are stateside.

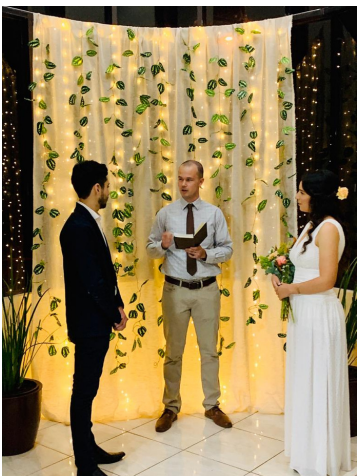
This year has been one of significant adversity, as many of you have experienced as well. It seems as though everyone has had some degree of struggle beyond the COVID situation in one form or another. Since our last prayer letter Sandi began experiencing some medical concerns, which led to a significant amount of discomfort on a daily basis. After two months of little to no relief, we began to look at more extensive treatment options which led us to return to the US in mid-August a few months earlier than our previous plans. We are thankful for some answers and help that have become available.

In our last newsletter we wrote about some of the ways we had been adapting the ministry to still be effective during the COVID crisis. Paraguay remained predominantly closed until July; therefore, all of our services were online until we were allowed to re-open with a limit of twenty attendees and spacing guidelines. Those capacity limits included ministry personnel, therefore we needed to keep the services very simple during that time to provide the opportunity for as many church members as possible to attend one of our two Sunday services. We continued to assist families whose health was at risk, some who contracted the virus and those who were unable to purchase food and personal items due to their economic situation. As the city began to reopen it was so nice to not only see some of the people that we hadn't seen in months, or even a year; as we have multiple friends who were traveling before the pandemic. That certainly made our decision to return home much more difficult; however, Paraguay went into full lockdown the day that we purchased our tickets for the repatriation flight organized by the US Embassy.

One of the highlights of 2020 came in July, when two of our church members decided to not let the situation of the virus keep them from making a lifelong commitment to one another in marriage. Nathanael and Avia are a dynamic couple with hearts to serve the Lord and are so important to our church. As a ministry team, we wanted to provide them with the best wedding possible given the circumstances. This led to a small intimate ceremony and reception in our home. It was touching to see the videos of encouragement that their family members had filmed for them on their special day. We were so happy that though the day was not at all what they had anticipated; it was still an impactful and a positive start to their marriage, as they shared in the experience with their family in Christ.



Beach fun!



Wedding Ceremony



As you can imagine, our hearts and minds are still in Paraguay much of the time. Please be in prayer for our local church as the literal doors of ministry are open again, but also as God opens new doors to serve in the community. Thanks to contributions of many of you and fellow believers in the US, our Paraguayan church has been able to serve in an impoverished neighborhood. They are working to provide meals and children's ministries for the people who live there.

Thank you so much for your financial support to this project. It has helped so many people and helps us meet our ministry goals further developing a heart of ministry and service in our church family. If you are looking for ways to have a lasting impact on Ciudad del Este, please take a look at our Christmas projects at [gracem.org](http://gracem.org), as well as our fundraising project to purchase the space that we are currently using for our worship services.

We are so thankful for your continued prayer and support for our family and ministry in Paraguay. It is an encouraging and humbling experience to know that we have such a strong support system in you all, as we work to also be a source of stability and inspiration to those we minister to and alongside in South America.

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



Wedding Reception



Community outreach



Delivering groceries



Services during Covid

*"May the God of hope fill you with all JOY and PEACE as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with HOPE by the power of the Holy Spirit."*

Romans 15:13

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