



BOMERS IN PARAGUAY

June 2017

Greetings to our friends, family and fellow believers in the Body of Christ. We are starting our eighth month in Ciudad del Este (CDE), Paraguay. In some ways it has seemed all of eight months and in other ways we feel as though time is flying by. Traveling the US for a year prior to our departure and meeting so many incredible people really became the norm for us. After settling into our life here in Paraguay, we began to realize how much we missed long car rides and being able to communicate with everyone we met. We are making new friends here, for sure, but it is simply not at the rate in which we were familiar with over the past year. In the circumstances of general change, life, and all the people we miss, it has seemed like eight months. On the other hand, it is our joy to share with you the many ways we have experienced God at work in our lives and the ministry here in Ciudad Del Este.

On May 7, 2017, a Bible study meeting in the home of Alex and Deltha Gulart became Iglesia Bíblica Gracia (Grace Bible Church) in the inner city of Ciudad del Este, Paraguay. The first service was a celebration of new friends and old for the ministry here in CDE, with 36 people from 10 different countries, which strongly supports our church subtitle, “para todas las naciones” (for all the nations). It was so nice to see how a few of our national members really took ownership of the church plant by assisting with construction, publicity and cleaning. Our desire is to develop a reputation in the community as a church that teaches and preaches the Bible. Pastor Alex is doing a fantastic job preaching a clear and focused message every week based entirely in the truth of God’s Word.

The year of 2017 will likely be remembered as “The Year of the Teams” for the ministry here in CDE. We had a team of German/Paraguayan students for a week in January, we recently had a team of girls from the US for two weeks, and in July and August we will be hosting the EXITE Team as well the Breakthrough Tae Kwon Do team from the US. These teams have and will be a blessing to the community here in CDE for their service and outreach. It is our desire as a ministry to be a blessing to the them, providing an experience to stir up and strengthen their desire to serve the Lord wherever He leads them.

As for our family, we have been so grateful that God has kept us healthy and safe as we acclimate to the culture here. We are eagerly anticipating our third child, a baby girl, in November. Please be in prayer for Sandi and the baby, everything has been going well so far. Addison finished her first year of homeschool this year and Clayton has developed quite a sense of humor. Sandi and Jerry continue to attend language school three days each week and will continue for at least the remainder of the year. Jerry could fill a book with all the silly communication mistakes that we have since we've been here. With everything going on two months ago we really weren't sure when we were going to find the time to look for a vehicle, but Jerry stumbled across a nice Toyota Noah van one day while out running errands for the church. Thank you so much to individuals and churches who contributed to our van fund last year! The ability to drive around, to get to church and do regular things like grocery shopping has been a normal thing we sure have missed. Thank you so much for being part of our team, both in prayer and financial support.

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



"Blessed be the Lord, who daily bears us up; God is our salvation.

-Psalm 68:19

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