

Bomers in Paraguay

December 2022

Greetings from Presidente Franco, Paraguay!

We hope that this letter finds you well during this holiday season. Back in November, our children were still completely blown away to see Christmas decorations “so early.” It can be hard to recognize just how close Christmas is when we are in full swing of summer in the southern hemisphere. Praise be to God that no matter the climate, we can remember the birth of Jesus Christ, who came into this world to offer the only truly sustaining and everlasting gift of His grace. Another year has flown by it would seem, and we are happy to give you an update on some of the incredible things God is doing in Paraguay.

Several years ago, when we were living in the United States, one of the highlights of Christmas was having the opportunity to share Christ’s love with children around the world by filling shoe boxes for the Samaritan’s Purse: Operation Christmas Child programs. After six months and countless hours of effort from our brothers and sisters in Christ around the world, we had the honor of distributing the shoe boxes to the children of our community on June 25 of this year. Until that day, our average attendance was about 20 children from the immediate vicinity of the church. We requested 60 shoe boxes for the event and to our surprise we had over 120 children come through the doors. We thank God that all of those kids were present for a clear presentation of the gospel message and though they had to share some of the boxes among siblings, each family was able to take home a Bible and study materials. We look forward to building upon our experience to expand the Christmas in June celebrations in 2023, reaching even more children in neighborhoods surrounding both churches. Since that event, new children have been coming from several blocks away each Saturday morning to grow in the knowledge of the Lord, as well as engaging in supplemental tutoring services. Though this program has come with its challenges, we are so pleased to see what God is doing in the lives of the children in the neighborhood of Iglesia Bíblica Gracia (IBG).

Over the last several months we have been working toward creating the official convention of the Paraguayan churches, known as Ministerios Gracia Paraguay. It is our desire that this step will go beyond legal registration of the national church by paving the way for a stronger understanding of church leadership which emphasizes not only sound biblical teaching and unity, but also a concept of stewardship that is strongly rooted in God’s Word. In July, we celebrated the five-year anniversary of our team’s first church plant, IBG. It was amazing to see what God has done it that time, as we looked back on all of the testimonies of His grace that has unfolded around us over the years. We have even had the privilege of seeing God’s work go far beyond the doors of our churches, with some of the bittersweet goodbyes that we had and have yet to experience for those who have answered His call elsewhere.



Family Picture



Jerry and his mom



Kids Program

We are so grateful for the direction of our second church plant, Iglesia Bíblica Bereana (IBB). Thank you so much to everyone who has prayed and contributed financially to this church planning project. It is a joy to listen to individuals in the church lately, as they begin to reflect back much what we have been preaching and teaching over the past several months. "Why aren't other churches teaching this?" one member said in amazement as we completed a study on the mission of the church, The Body of Christ. Another gentleman explained that he has had faith in his salvation in Christ for years, but only through supplemental religious materials. He explained that he never had anyone open the Bible and teach directly from it the way that we do at IBB, which has helped him significantly in his walk and understanding of scripture. Please continue to pray for this growing church family and for the future leadership of IBB.

We are so grateful that everyone in our family has been healthy and well for this latter half of the year. The kids have been chomping at the bit to enjoy the Paraguayan summer weather. They were also tremendously excited to spend some time with their Granny (Jerry's mom) during the first weeks of November, as she came down for a visit and to be a part for Coralea's 5th birthday celebration. We would like to close by saying thank you so much for your impact on our family. One of the key elements that we want everyone to take away from the ministry of the local church is that our purpose is found in Christ alone and that we are called to work as one body of believers. Our ministry would not be possible without to united efforts of all of you. Thank you so much for your encouragement, prayer and financial support of this past year.

Merry Christmas!

Jerry, Sandi, Addi, Clay and Cora Bomers



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*"Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts,
to which indeed you were called in one body;
and be thankful."*

Colossians 3:15

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