



PARAGUAY

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Me at the first church plant in Paraguay at Iglesia Biblica de la Gracia



Discipling a church member in Brazil



Leading youth evangelism group

Hello my name is Tatiane Faria!

I am also known as Tatá or Tati and it is a pleasure to be writing this letter to you. I am from Brazil and was born in Foz do Iguaçu, a city known for its beautiful waterfalls located at the border of Brazil, Paraguay, and Argentina. It is the gateway to the world-famous Iguazú Falls on the border of Brazil and Argentina. With more than 275 individual waterfalls, the majestic Iguazú Falls are the most extensive waterfall system in the world and one of the world's seven natural wonders.

I FIRST HEARD A CLEAR PRESENTATION OF THE GOSPEL AND RECEIVED CHRIST AS MY SAVIOR WHEN I WAS EIGHTEEN YEARS OLD. Early in my journey as a Christian, I had a lot of questions and knew I needed answers that only the Bible could provide. Unfortunately, the church I was attending did not provide solid Biblical teaching, and I was not finding the answers I desired. While still attending that church as a new believer, I had my first exposure to missions when missionaries from Germany gave a presentation of their work. The dedication of the German missionaries and their willingness to give up everything and live totally committed to the Lord caught my attention. Their passion for missions inspired me to begin my journey toward becoming a missionary one day.

SOMETIME LATER, I TRAVELED TO THE EAST COAST OF BRAZIL FOR MY SISTER VIVIANE'S WEDDING. It was there that I had my first contact with the Graça do Brazil (Grace Church of Brazil) as my new brother-in-law, Cleiton Menor was a pastor within that fellowship of mid-Acts Dispensational churches. I soon decided to move to the city where my sister lived so I could continue to be part of the local congregation at Igreja do Evangelho da Gracia (Grace Gospel Church) where her husband Cleiton was the pastor. The Biblical teaching I received there provided me with the answers I had been searching for since I first became a believer.

DURING MY TIME THERE, I HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO STUDY THE BIBLE MORE IN-DEPTH AND CAME TO UNDERSTAND GOD'S WORD FROM A DISPENSATIONAL VIEWPOINT. During my time there I became more involved in studying and developed a great love and zeal for the Bible. As I actively served the Lord in this church, my pastor provided me with wise counsel and guided me in the Word, encouraging my desire to one day pursue missions.

A FEW YEARS LATER I HAD TO RETURN TO MY HOMETOWN OF FOZ DO IGUAÇU IN WESTERN BRAZIL AND WHILE THERE I LEARNED THAT GRACE MINISTRIES INTERNATIONAL (GMI) WAS OPENING A NEW MISSION FIELD IN THE NEIGHBORING COUNTRY OF PARAGUAY. Since the new field was located in a city (Ciudad del Este) just a short drive across the river from Foz do Iguaçu, I had the opportunity to get to know the missionaries serving there and I began to participate with and support them as they planted the first GMI-affiliated

church in Paraguay. Through my involvement with this church plant, I met the Paraguayan people and learned about their culture, became familiar with the area, learned Spanish, and experienced church planting ministry first-hand. That experience left me even more convinced that the Lord was calling me to serve Him in cross-cultural ministry as a missionary.

IN JANUARY OF THE FOLLOWING YEAR, I RETURNED TO BRAZIL TO STUDY AT SEMINARIO TEOLÓGICO GRAÇA (GRACE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY). After studying there for a year and a half, I had the opportunity to visit the field in Paraguay and support the missionaries there in planting a second GMI-affiliated church, Iglesia Biblica Bereana (Berean Bible Church) in the city of Presidente Franco. On my visits to Paraguay, I was able to learn about church planting ministry first-hand, participate in the process, and watch the ministry grow and develop. This further confirmed my desire to serve as a missionary and I decided to apply with GMI to join their team in Paraguay.

I WAS APPROVED BY THE GMI BOARD OF DIRECTORS AS A NEW MISSIONARY AT THEIR JUNE 2023 BOARD MEETING AND LOOK FORWARD TO BEING PART OF THE GMI TEAM IN PARAGUAY. My desire is to grow the team in Paraguay by coming alongside the Hodgson and Menor families. I want to work with them to strengthen the existing ministries and develop new ministries to reach the people of Paraguay with the gospel. I am writing to ask you to consider supporting my ministry in Paraguay by praying for me and supporting me financially as I begin serving as a career missionary.

EVERY DAY NEW PEOPLE ARRIVE IN PARAGUAY AND THEY ARE THIRSTY FOR THE WORD OF GOD. People who, like me, before I became a Christian, may be religious but have not yet heard a clear explanation of the gospel. People who are lost and looking for direction. People who are curious or are searching for a church where they can find solid biblical teaching and preaching. My heartfelt desire is to help them find a relationship with Jesus Christ and reflect Christ to them through my life.

AT THIRTY YEARS OLD, I HAVE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY OVER THE PAST TWELVE YEARS TO WORK IN MANY DIFFERENT AREAS OF MINISTRY. I HAVE EXPERIENCE IN THE AREAS OF MEDIA AND TECHNOLOGY, INCLUDING SOUND AND AUDIOVISUAL. I have been involved in discipleship ministry, leading women's Bible study, worship ministry, youth ministry, counseling with women, and evangelism. I also have administrative experience, serving as a church secretary for three years, and I have been involved in leadership development in the local church. I believe these experiences have uniquely prepared me to be part of the GMI team in Paraguay and play a key role in what the Lord is doing there.

THE SPIRITUAL NEED IN PARAGUAY IS GREAT AND GROWING EVERY DAY. I look forward to being part of a team who is serving faithfully in the work of the Lord there, providing solid biblical teaching, sound doctrine, and the message of salvation by grace through faith in Christ alone. ***Thank you in advance for partnering with me in prayer and supporting me with your financial gifts as I join the team in Paraguay!***

May God bless you all!

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to stay in touch*



Playing guitar at Iglesia
Biblica Bereana in Paraguay



Leading a women's Bible
study while visiting Paraguay.



*"Everything is from God,
who has reconciled us to
himself through Christ and
has given us the ministry
of reconciliation."*

2 Corinthians 5:18