

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We hope this letter finds you well and rejoicing in the grace of our Lord. Thanks be to God; we are all doing well and are excited about what God is doing in our lives and in Paraguay. We are super happy that our son EINARR arrived well on March 9; he is certainly a blessing to all of us and especially for our kids. They are full of joy with the new member of the family.

Church in Ciudad del Este

First, we want to thank you for all your support that made it possible to purchase a property that we now call Iglesia Bíblica Gracia (Grace Bible Church), where we have fellowship as a congregation. Through your generous donations, the construction and renovations are complete. This building has become a beautiful place, which is the "home church" for about 100 people. We don't have words to express how thankful we are for all of you.

The church is fully established and we are slowly passing on more responsibilities to the local leaders. We have been and are continuing to train them doctrinally,



Julian and Alex in Chaco



Einarr Gulart

pastoring them, and helping them grow in leadership skills.

Church in the neighboring city of Presidente Franco

Half of our Grace Ministries International team is focusing on planting a second church in the neighboring city of Presi-



Our Muslim friend visiting the church

dente Franco while we and another family are focused on the original church plant in Ciudad del Este (Grace Bible Church).

Church in Loma Plata, Chaco (German Colonies)

Over two years ago, Alex started an online Bible study with four young Mennonite men from a remote region of Paraguay called the Chaco. This past year we have continually been visiting the Chaco, home to various Mennonite communities and indigenous native tribes, which is more than 13 hours away from where we live. In that area of the country, the main language among the Mennonites is a German dialect called "Plautdietsch." Although the majority profess to be Christians, the sad reality is that most of them do not have a correct understanding of the gospel. They follow traditions of men, not comprehending the grace of our Lord.

After many visits and hours of teaching online, we are very close to seeing a church being established in the Chaco. Praise God! The Lord put a great desire in two young married couples to plant a church for the glory of God, with sound doctrine, where



Bible study in Chaco





Deltha with Sunday School teachers

Sunday service in the new building

Christ is exalted. There are two guys from that community studying online at Berean Bible Institute (Wisconsin, USA) to be better prepared for ministry, and a couple more might join them.

Sharing the gospel with Muslims

A great blessing that we would like to share with all of you is for various wonderful conversations with our Muslim neighbors about the deity of Christ, the forgiveness of sins, and the hope that we have in Christ. We are super happy, especially for one of our neighbors. She is 17 years old and we have been sharing the gospel with her for years, but these last weeks she seems to be more interested in our Christian faith. She is always open to discuss with us, asking lots of questions. We can see how she is starting to think critically about Islam, questioning her religion and thinking about the gospel.

Acts 13:47 "For so the Lord has commanded us, I have appointed you as a light to the Gentiles, that you may bring salvation to the end of the earth."

A missionary church

We are delighted to announce that the first Paraguayan from the church in Paraguay made a short missions trip to Panama. Her name is Gaby Moreno, and she went for five weeks to serve with the GMI team which is working there. This is a big step for us. We continually desire to emphasize a missionary mindset in the church family. This was a great first experience, not just for Gaby and the Panama team, but for the whole church in Ciudad del Este. Gaby desires to become a full-time missionary and she is making steps toward this goal.

Julian Pries is a young adult from the German colonies in Paraguay. He is one of the guys that Alex has been studying with and has been mentored by Alex for a couple of years. During a volunteer service period of six months in the U.S. he was able to visit various Grace Gospel Fellowship churches in Michigan which are affiliated with GMI and also the GMI office which encouraged him to enroll in the Berean Bible Institute. Currently, Julian is part of Iglesia Bíblica Gracia, gathering experience in the pursuit of being a full-time missionary.

Prayer request

- Please pray for our baby EINARR, that he continues to be healthy and grow.
- Please pray for our Muslim neighbor, that she comes to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.
- Please pray for the second church plant in Franco and the third church plant in the German Colonies.
- Please pray for the local leaders in training of the church in Ciudad del Este
- Please pray for God's guidance as we continue searching for opportunities to start new churches.
- Please pray for Gaby, Julian, and all the young adult believers who want to serve full time in ministry.
- Please pray for our family, for continual growth in passion for the Word, prayer, and evangelism.

Thank you so much for taking care of us, for your support, love, friendship, and prayers! We feel loved! God bless you!

Alex, Deltha, Ainhoa, Bastian, Etienne and Einarr!



Alex and Deltha



Gaby Moreno with our kids



Einarr with his siblings