

The Gularts in Paraguay

Posadas, Argentina, from Encarnación, Paraguay

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As a family we are delighted to serve fulltime in Paraguay. We recognize that it is a wonderful privilege only possible by the grace of God and your support! Thank you so much for your financial help, prayers, and love. We really appreciate it!

FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF IGLESIA BIBLICA GRACIA

Our first church in the country of Paraguay just celebrated its first anniversary! It has been a year of God's faithfulness. At this time we have around 35-40 people attending every Sunday and about 70 people who are part of the community of the church. We have a service every Sunday, a weekly Bible study, and a weekly prayer meeting. Our church has a worship team and people from approximately 10 different nationalities attending. It is more than we could ever imagine!

A NEW CITY—CAAGUAZÚ

A few months ago we met Elvira from Caaguazú—a small city of 130,000 people, around 90 miles away from Ciudad del Este. She mentioned two things to us: 1) the difficulty of finding a church with sound doctrine, and 2) her desire to open her house to study the Word of God. These two comments made some noise in our hearts and with prayer we started taking trips to Caaguazú. We have 8-10 people attending our meetings there. Many possibilities of ministry exist in Caaguazú (for example, we can visit the prison, the hospital, or the indigenous people who live just outside the city). We are making good contacts and we are so excited to see how God is blessing our work there.

A NEW OPPORTUNITY—ENCARNACIÓN

Encarnación is the third main city of Paraguay with almost 210,000 people located about 185 miles from Ciudad del Este. This beautiful city has always been in our hearts since we came to Paraguay. Encarnación is a mix of cultures, surrounded by different colonies (Germans, Ukrainians, Japanese, and Brazilians) and also a large growing Muslim population (they have two mosques already). We know that there are a lot of people who are searching for a church with sound doctrine but they cannot find one. But God is at work! He blessed us with a young follower of Christ named Natanael. He is from Posadas, the neighboring city on the Argentinian side (just across a bridge to get there). He moved from Posadas (Argentina) to Encarnación (Paraguay) just following a



Natanael from Argentina



Misael preaching



Mosque in Encarnación

desire to reach the people in Encarnación. He is helping us greatly and has been a huge blessing for our family and ministry.

A NEW COUNTRY—ARGENTINA

Natanael is studying in the University of Posadas (Argentina), and God is opening doors to have a Bible study on the campus of the University! So the idea is to have a Bible study in Argentina and then one in Encarnación the same day. The possibilities of doing ministry in Posadas among all the foreigners in the city are exciting. There is a huge community from the country of Laos who are Buddhist and we would love to get involved with them.

A NEW FAMILY MEMBER—ETIENNE

On June 13 our third child came into this world, a healthy baby boy named Etienne. Of course, this is a big change in our lives! We are still making adjustments but we are very happy and we are all enjoying him a lot since he arrived.



The Gulart Family

WHAT'S NEXT?

- *Future leaders:* We are searching for men we can teach so they can teach others.
- *Our own property:* We are looking forward to buying a piece of land for the church in Ciudad del Este.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Please pray for Passion, Protection, and Provision! (passion for His Name, protection especially on the roads, and provision for all the expenses of traveling every week to different areas).
- Please pray for wisdom and God's guidance so we can take the right steps toward the future.
- Please pray for the hearts of our Muslim friends that they might come to a saving knowledge of Christ.
- Please pray for commitment of the people of the church—to come, to serve, and to share.
- Pray for future leaders, especially for Misael, who is going with us to Caaguazú every week and is also studying theology with Alex, and for Natanael who is helping us in Encarnación and Posadas.



Jesus (14) is Elvira's son from Caaguazú

Alex and Deltha Gulart
Ainhoa, Bastian, and Etienne



Bible Study in Caaguazú