

The Hodgsons' Update

Missionary life in Paraguay

Cory, Kim, Naomi, Elijah, and Timothy

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Dear Friends,

Greetings from Ciudad del Este, Paraguay. It is exciting for us to have the opportunity to share what the Lord is doing in and through us. The last six months have been very busy, and things are constantly changing.



Bible study at the Menors



Bible study at the Gularts

Our church, Iglesia Bíblica Gracia, is now in its own building! In December of last year, we came across a new building in an area called La Blanca, just three miles outside of downtown Ciudad del Este. The

building was constructed as a place to host events, but the contractor was having difficulty selling it due to the bad economy. He was happy to sell it to our team, and we hired him to renovate the building into our new church. It is a great location with a lot of people living nearby. Many of the neighborhood kids have come to help us with our weekly cleaning in preparation for worship, and they have been attending our worship services as well. During the last four months since purchasing the property, we have made some great improvements and additions to the property. We will have a nursery, classrooms, a kitchen, and of course our worship area. We praise God that the contractor, Pedro, is both honest and competent. He has been doing a great job. We are very pleased with the progress of the building.



Sunday worship at Iglesia Biblica Gracia



Kim's basic English Bible study

More important than the building is the church itself, the people! The church is growing, and we are welcoming new people nearly every week. Despite unfinished floors, lots of dust, and much exposed brick, our congregation is excited about how the Lord is working. We have started a new season of home Bible studies in addition to our Sunday worship service. Cory's English Bible study is also changing—we have split it into two groups. Cory is teaching those with higher level English, while Kim is teaching the same materials at a more basic level. It has been very encouraging to see our church thirsting for God's Word!



Taking a break during church cleaning with some neighborhood kids

We thank you for your prayers and support as we continue to serve the Lord in the heart of South America. Paraguay is a country in desperate need of Christ. Thanks be to God for giving us an amazing team of workers.

In His service,
Cory, Kim, Naomi, Elijah, and Timothy Hodgson



Our kids' program with many neighborhood children

The kids' school year has been quite an adventure so far. They started with a hybrid schedule, with Timmy at home three days a week/at school two days, and Naomi and Elijah each split their time evenly between the house and school. There is no option for full-time at school. There have been several lockdowns where the kids have been forced to stay at home for extended periods of time. This leads to several prayer requests. First, Timmy has been having a very difficult time doing his virtual classes, which has been inhibiting his Spanish acquisition. Please pray for patience for him (and us) as we navigate this frustrating time. Please pray for Paraguay as a country, too. There have been almost no vaccinations here. Hospitals throughout the country are severely overcrowded and lacking resources.



Cory's advanced English Bible study