

The Hodgsons' Update

Missionary life in Paraguay

Cory, Kim, Naomi, Elijah, and Timothy

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Dear Friends,

Greetings from the Pacific Northwest! In our last letter, we had just started with the missionary conferences in the Midwest. Our work and travels have been non-stop since then! In April, we had a great trip to Pennsylvania, New York, and New Jersey. We had the opportunity to connect with many people interested in our ministries, and in some cases, we reconnected with churches that we had not been to in many years.

Immediately after the closing of the Midwest conferences (and our trip East), we began preparing for our circumnavigation of our great country. As we looked towards Naomi going to school in the fall, we wanted



Cory speaking at Northwest Grace Youth Camp.

In July, Naomi attended a seminar for missionary kids transitioning to life in the US. She met many young people just like her and enjoyed her time there immensely. Elijah and Timmy attended a youth camp in central Washington while Naomi was gone, and Cory and Kim had some time to relax with some friends in the same area. A short time after the boys' camp ended, Cory and Elijah attended Northwest Grace Youth Camp in western Washington. Cory was the speaker for the senior high campers and had ten speaking sessions over six days.

A few weeks ago, Kim, Cory, and Naomi flew from Portland, Oregon to Grand Rapids, MI to get Naomi settled into her dorm room and ready to begin attending Grace Christian University. It was fun seeing her settling into dorm life and meeting some of her classmates. It was also very sad for us to say goodbye to her, as we miss her very much.

As I (Cory) write this, Kim is staying with her 101-year-old grandmother taking care of her for a week. In a short time, we will be traveling from Portland back up to Washington to see family and to prepare for the Northwest missionary conferences. During the first four weeks of October, we will be



Naomi getting settled into her dorm room at Grace Christian University.

to have one last family road trip to see family and friends and visit churches we were familiar with, along with some new ones as well.



The Portuguese Bible study across the border in Brazil.



Medical students helping with our children's program.



Our last road trip with all five of us!

presenting our ministry at seven different churches in three states (Washington, Idaho, and Oregon). Please pray for us as we have a lot of travel ahead of us. Once the conferences are done, we will begin the trek back eastward to Michigan.

We will be returning to Paraguay a few days after Christmas, and we are excited about the ministries that we will rejoin when we get back. The Menor family restarted the children's program recently, and they have seen 50-70 kids each Saturday! The church we are working with there, Berean Bible Church, is growing and the people are hungry for God's Word. Please be in prayer for these ministries, and for us as we return after our year of home assignment. We will also be looking for a new home to rent in our city; please pray that we can find one that meets our needs and our budget.

Thank you so much for your prayers and support. Here are some things you can be praying for:

- Naomi as she is getting used to her classes and life in the dorm. Also, pray that she can get a job quickly.
- Our continuing travels in the Pacific Northwest.
- The missionary conferences we will be participating in during October.
- Preparation for our return to Paraguay
- That we will have a smooth transition back into life and ministry (and school for the boys) in Paraguay.

In His Service,

The Hodgsons

