

The Hodgsons' Update

Missionary life in Paraguay

Cory, Kim, Naomi, Elijah, and Timothy

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Dear Friends,

Greetings from Paraguay! Hard to believe another six months have passed since our last prayer letter. Life continues to move at a fast pace here, and our days are filled with ministry activities, school, family events, and often the unexpected.

Thank you so much for your prayers and support. We arrived in Paraguay three years ago to teach God's Word, make disciples, preach the gospel, and build a strong sustainable church. We are thankful for excellent results in these areas of ministry. Please continue to pray for us.



Kim teaching her advanced English class at church

We are excited to report that the construction of the church is nearing completion. We are profoundly thankful for the many gifts that have made this possible.

As this is being written, the tiles are being laid in the sanctuary. The kitchen, classrooms, bathrooms, and nursery are finished. We have a contractor named Pedro who has done an outstanding job with the planning, budgeting, and construction of the church. Kim has been able to return to teaching advanced English classes in the church, which has been encouraging after a brief pause (aka COVID). Cory is currently teaching an online class for the Bolivian Bible school. It is a class on Romans for second-year students. This is an opportunity for Cory to improve his Spanish and he will be able to use the teaching materials in Paraguay's Bible Institute when needed.



Worship at Iglesia Biblica Gracia, soon the sanctuary will be finished!



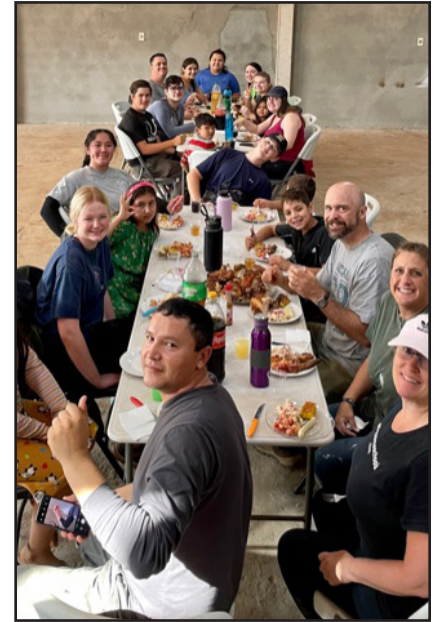
Cory and his friends/coworkers in a meeting

In June, we hosted a ministry team from the Berean Bible Church in Spokane, Washington. They helped us prepare the walls and paint the church nursery, as well as several other important projects. They hosted an event for neighborhood kids near the church with many fun games and activities. It was a great opportunity to expose a lot of great young people to missions and to bless a lot of local kids!

Recently, our colleague Cleiton Menor met someone who has access to the Paraguayan prison system. Cory had a lot of experience in working within the prison system in Tanzania, so he and Cleiton will be able to work together to get Bible lessons into the hands of prisoners and the guards. Please pray that the process will go smoothly as we push forward with this important ministry. We will need someone to deliver and pick up lessons, as well as lesson correctors. There is also a possibility we will need to do some additional translation work.

The kids are doing well in school. The older ones are currently taking their midterm exams. The school year finishes at the end of November, and they will begin their final exams at the end of October. It is so hard for us to believe Naomi only has one year of school left! Elijah is currently at school half of the week, and in virtual class the other half. He is enjoying the 7th grade and socializing with his friends. In May, we moved Timmy to another school due to his difficulty with virtual classes. The move was a huge blessing for him and for our family. He is flourishing there! Timmy's Spanish is improving, and it is delightful to see him developing his language skills.

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



We hosted a ministry team from Berean Bible Church in Spokane this past June

Please pray:

- for Naomi's health as she suffers from rheumatoid arthritis
- for Kim as she teaches English at the church
- for the kids taking their exams (mostly in Spanish)
- for the development and completion of the church membership course
- for Cory's class on Romans with the Bolivian Bible School



Timmy losing all of his teeth