



Viviane and Sandi teaching the neighborhood kids

To You, Esteemed Partner and Supporter, grace and peace.

May this letter find you well. It is our hope that by reading it you may render glory and honor to our Lord Jesus Christ together with us.

It's early spring here in the southern hemisphere. Even before this season ends, our family will complete two years serving the Lord in Paraguay with Grace Ministries International.

"Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage" (Galatians 5:1).

"... Christ hath made us free..."

Right now we are preaching a series of sermons on Sundays in Paul's epistle to the Galatians. So important is the theme of the freedom we have in Christ!

Paraguay is an extremely religious country. Having been initially evangelized by Jesuit missionaries since its colonization, Paraguay is a declared Roman Catholic country with more than 90% of the population professing to be Catholics.

With each passing day "the evil of legalism" becomes more evident to us in the day-to-day life of the Paraguayan people. Almost every Paraguayan learned to base their relationship with God on rules imposed by the priest of the church. In Guarani there is a popular saying, "*Pa'i ma he'i*" ("said the priest"). It points to the religious practice of "obeying the priest without questioning" in everything related to the things of God. This same blind obedience is transferred to [false] evangelical pastors and leaders who are becoming popular coming from all sides looking for the personal benefit they can get through this culture. These have unfortunately been enemies of the Truth, turning many people away from the preaching of the cross.

The message of salvation by the grace of God through faith in Christ's redemptive work could not find a better context for the preaching of the gospel of Christ to shine in all its intensity!

Our Family We know one of the interests of those who will read this report is to know how our family is doing, to which we affirm, ***by the grace of the Lord we are standing well, physically healthy, and spiritually motivated to continue in the work of the Lord.*** Our children are growing up very fast. They are full of energy and fill us with pride with their daily achievements and learning. Homeschool has given very positive results so far. Despite her limited English, Viviane has made efforts to apply the curriculum in two languages and has also been increasing her ability to understand the language here. We will be celebrating nine years of marriage on October 19! We are grateful to God for our trajectory and for having had the opportunity during this time to also advise and influence other couples on their journeys.



Kids' belt graduation



The Menor family

It is very comforting to know that there are so many dear brothers and sisters who truly care about our wellbeing and take time to pray for us. Thank you very much for doing so.

Berean Bible Church – President Franco First, I want to thank those who read our previous prayer letter and donated to the **Paraguay Franco Church Project** to cover the start-up costs of this new congregation. Praise the Lord, we received in full what we needed.

Along with the Bomers family, our fellow GMI coworkers, establishing this church has been our biggest focus for the past seven months. Our family has sought to be always intentional in sharing the gospel with our community. More recently, I offered to do weekly devotionals at the barber shop where I usually get my hair cut. Since then, we have met every Wednesday at this barbershop to study the Bible together with David (the owner) and his employees. One of the barbers who works there professed faith in Christ.

Our prayer today is that the Lord will show us more opportunities to spread the gospel and that potential leaders will arise with a desire to be trained to serve and lead this church in the future.

Foz do Iguaçu – Brazil The Foz do Iguaçu group has matured a lot since its inception. We have been studying a book called, “The Bible: The Big Picture,” that explains the dispensations and the distinctions between Israel and the Body of Christ. The group, after a year of meeting weekly, remains excited and eager to become a local church.

We ask for your prayers that the Lord will grant us wisdom as to the best time and means to take this step.

Encarnación Ministry of Prison For years our missionary team has seen Encarnación as a potential city for us to plant a new church. The Bible studies we have carried out in Encarnación prison have helped us to get to know the region better and create contacts that could be useful to start a new church there. In fact, we got the support of Juan Carlos, a local pastor who embraced the Bible studies project together with his congregation and makes frequent visits to the prison helping the inmates to work through their lessons. Since we already have an opening on the part of the government, our desire for the next year is to expand the offer to other prisons in Paraguay.

If you would like to know more about this ministry and how to get involved, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thanks and Requests We thank our God for the privilege we have to serve Him full time in Paraguay.

We do not cease to thank the Lord who has supplied all our needs through the hands of many of you who are now reading this letter. Many thanks to you who have been partners of ours prayerfully and financially.

In Christ,
The Menors.



Berean Bible Church-President Franco



Sharing God's grace at the barbershop



Bible study in FOZ, Brazil



Preaching as a guest speaker at Grace church conference in Brazil