

PARAGUAY

THE MENORS

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Dear partners in ministry,

I hope this letter finds you all doing well. As I sit down to write, Easter has just passed, and what a beautiful reminder it was of the hope we have in Christ!

By His power, God raised the Lord from the dead, and he will raise us also. (1Cor. 6:14)

In Paraguay, Easter is more than just a holiday; it's a deeply meaningful time for us to share the incredible story of Jesus' love and sacrifice. I hope you and your church family are also embracing every opportunity to spread the good news of God's grace within your community.

Update on our Family

We're all doing great! After our last update, Viviane and I celebrated our 10th wedding anniversary with a trip to Recife, Brazil (Cleiton's hometown). It was a delightful time spent attending a friend's wedding and catching up with family and friends.

This year, we decided to let each of our kids pursue a different activity, allowing them to explore their interests and shine in their own way. Lucas is diving into 2nd grade and absolutely loving his taekwondo class. He's already an orange belt and racking up excellence stripes like nobody's business! He's such a smart, imaginative, and funny boy.

Easter Sunday doubled as our twin daughters' birthday this year! (They won't share another birthday with Easter until they're 71!) Laura enjoys drawing, coloring, and swimming lessons, while Elisa is devouring books at lightning speed and mastering Jiu-jitsu. It's incredible to see them effortlessly picking up Spanish and English while fitting right in with their Paraguayan peers. We're beyond grateful to be their parents and would love to have your continued prayers for our family.

Iglesia Biblica Bereana – Our Church Plant in the city of Presidente Franco

The Lord is truly blessing our church plant in Presidente Franco. Our congregation is growing, and we recently had to find a larger meeting space to accommodate everyone. It's humbling to witness the impact of teaching God's word from a mid-Acts dispensational perspective from cover to cover. Lives are being transformed and hearts are being drawn closer to Him.



Our family



Our twins
9th Birth-
day



Sunday
Service in
the new
Building

We're also thrilled about the development of leadership within our church. We're currently mentoring a group of six men, pouring into them spiritually and practically as we prepare them for future leadership roles. Your prayers for them and for our Grace Ministries International (GMI) team in Paraguay would be greatly appreciated as we disciple these new local leaders.

Mitanguéra Aty (Kids Club Project)

Our kids' club in the La Blanca neighborhood is thriving, thanks to the dedication of many volunteers but especially of a young couple, Miqueas and Dara. They've brought fresh energy to the project which aims not only to reach children but also to touch the lives of their families. From this foundation, we hope to plant a church in this neighborhood in the future.

Also, thanks to the generosity of many of you who donated to our Christmas project to purchase guitars, we're expanding our activities to include guitar lessons this year. This will provide yet another avenue to bless the community and share the gospel. Please join us in praying that God will use these initiatives to bring glory to His name and touch many lives.

Noble Bereano (Noble Berean) – Prison Project

While many of our inmates either gained their freedom or were transferred to a different pavilion, about twenty new inmates have joined our Bible courses. We praise the Lord that we continue to witness lives transformed by the power of God's word. I recently received a touching call from a seventy-one-year-old man who had been released from prison, expressing his gratitude for the impact our studies had on his life. It's moments like these that remind us of the importance of this work and the need for continued prayer and support.

What's Next?

We're excited to share that we're planning a visit to the US later this year! We can't wait to reconnect with you, our dear friends and partners in ministry, and to also connect with many of our supporting churches. We look forward to sharing our experiences and thanking you in person for holding on tight to "your side of the rope" as you have prayed for us and supported us over the years

As we prepare for this journey, we would appreciate your prayers for safe travels, smooth preparations, and reasonable airfare prices. Traveling can be quite stressful, but we know with your prayers, the Lord will help us to be calm and at peace.

Thank you so much for taking the time to read this letter and for your continued love and support.

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Ladies at our Church



Kids Club



Home Bible Study