

PARAGUAY

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THE MENORS

Dear friends,

Greetings from Paraguay! **We continue in the mission God has entrusted to us—making His grace known to the nation of Paraguay.** As we reflect on all He's been doing, our hearts are filled with gratitude for His faithfulness and for each of you who walk with us in prayer and support.

Paul asked the Ephesians to pray *"that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel"* (Ephesians 6:19). That same prayer is still so needed today. Boldness doesn't come naturally—it is the Spirit's gift as we open our mouths to speak about Christ.

The recent assassination of Charlie Kirk shook many of us, reminding the world of the cost of standing for truth. Yet as striking as his testimony is, **our greatest example of boldness is our Lord Jesus Christ Himself.** As Hebrews 12:2 tells us, *"looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God."* Christ's example compels us to fix our eyes on Him and persevere to proclaim the gospel of Salvation by Grace through faith. May we, too, speak boldly of Christ, no matter the cost, trusting that our labor in the Lord is never in vain.

Since our return to Paraguay earlier this year, several significant things have taken place that remind us of God's faithfulness.

- In **May**, Berean Bible Church held its very first **conference**. Over 40 people participated, and we were blessed with guest speakers from Word of Grace Mission, along with our own GMI Operations Director, Dwayne Huff, and his wife, Tiffany. The theme—Unity in Christ (Ephesians 4:1-6)—was exactly what our young congregation needed, and it was such an uplifting time.
- In **July**, we traveled to São Paulo for the missions conference at Paul and Mariana Craesmeyer's church plant. It was a joy to share one of the sessions and to meet believers who are hungry for God's Word and deeply committed to living it out.
- In **August**, the Lord opened the door for us to travel to **Costa Rica**, the home country of the González family (who have since moved to Paraguay to join our team). We visited a church there that was planted 40 years ago and continues to thrive and bear fruit. This single church has equipped and sent out eleven missionaries to four different countries in Latin America, which is a real testimony of God's faithfulness. We also made a short trip to **Panama**, where a new church is just beginning. Cleiton, along with **Rodrigo**, one of our Paraguayan leaders-in-training, made the trip, and it was a blessing for him to see both the early stages of a church plant and the fruit of a mature one. On our way back home, we accompanied the González family as they officially moved down to Paraguay. What a joy it is to have them here now!



At Iglesia Biblica Bereana (Berean Bible Church), our **Basic Bible Doctrines course** is in full swing, with both newer and older members growing together in their faith. The González family has already jumped in, helping with leadership training and the course itself. We rejoice to see steady growth, while also preparing to expand into the **La Blanca** neighborhood, where we plan to start Bible studies this October as the first step toward planting a new church.

Looking ahead, as **Christmas** approaches, we are praying and working toward some special projects, such as providing **chairs for the new church plant** and meeting other practical needs. Through these projects that will be highlighted in the Grace Ministries International (GMI) 2025 Christmas Projects Catalog, you, the Body of Christ, can join us in the ministry here. We are so thankful for each of you who already walk with us in prayer and support. Truly, you are God's provision for us. At the same time, there is room for more to join this team. Please pray that the Lord would raise up additional partners to come alongside in this work.

On the family side, life is full and joyful. The school year here (February–December) is coming to a close. Lucas will be starting 3rd grade next year, while Laura and Elisa move into 5th grade. Lucas is thrilled to be playing soccer with a local club and to be taking drum lessons, while the twins keep us laughing with their friendly “reading competition,” often swapping books so they can both read the same titles—twin life!

On **October 19th**, Viviane and I will celebrate **12 years of marriage**. Though the years seem to have flown by, when we stop to look back, we see blessing upon blessing, and we can only say, To God be the glory.

Please continue to pray with us:

- For boldness in proclaiming Christ, especially as we begin Bible studies in La Blanca
- For the Basic Bible Doctrines course and the training of new leaders
- For provision for our Christmas projects and other ministry and personal needs
- For strength and unity in our family and in our team as we serve our Lord together

We thank God for your partnership with us! It is through your prayers and the fruit of generosity and love that He sustains us in this mission. From our hearts to yours, we are grateful to walk side by side in the gospel. Together, let us boldly proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ here in Paraguay and wherever He has placed us.

With love and gratitude in Christ,

Cleiton & Viviane Menor and family

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**First
Church
Conference**



**Lucas'
Drum
Class**



**Vivi and
Juliana
During
Kid's Club**



**Elisa
and
Laura**