## THE BOMERS IN PARAGUAY



**COLOSSIANS 3:1-4** 

"IF THEN YOU HAVE BEEN

RAISED WITH CHRIST, SEEK THE

THINGS THAT ARE ABOVE, WHERE

CHRIST IS, SEATED AT THE RIGHT

HAND OF GOD. SET YOUR MINDS

ON THINGS THAT ARE ABOVE, NOT

ON THINGS THAT ARE ON EARTH.

FOR YOU HAVE DIED, AND YOUR

LIFE IS HIDDEN WITH CHRIST IN

GOD."

It is so exciting to be able to write this update in our new apartment in Paraguay! We are so thankful to all of you who kept us in your prayers

as we were finishing packing up in the States, traveling and getting settled here in Ciudad del Este. We have had so many adventures already so we will tell

you a few of the important and funny ones!

The day we arrived, there was a torrential rain storm that lasted the whole day. Alex Gulart (our fellow missionary) had come to pick us up in Asuncion and we had a seven

hour car ride across the country. There were times when Alex could hardly see the road the rain was so

> protection during our first very wet day here!

As many of you know, we lost two of our bags coming here and were reunited with those after three long weeks. We are so thankful to God that we were able to

recover the bags and learn some patience along the way! It was an instant learning experience to see that people and services don't work the same here and we will need to be more patient waiting for things to get done! While we really

bad. We are so thankful for God's

## WHAT'S NEXT?

We are mostly settled into an apartment and starting language school this week! We will be attending language school three days a week and Deltha has graciously offered to watch our kids during that time. We will continue to get to know our way around the city and meet with fellow believers on Wednesday and Sunday nights. We also look forward to meeting new neighbors in our building and developing those relationships.

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appreciate the slower way of life here, our American tendency is to want things done immediately!

We began looking for a house right away, which is quite a process

since they
don't really
have an
advertising
system like
we do in the
United States.
We basically
drove around
looking for



places with a sign that said "for rent." After viewing several options, we began to realize that without a car, living outside of the city would be difficult. We will be attending language school downtown and



Alex and Deltha live downtown as well. So, after two weeks of looking, we decided to rent an apartment that is only a block away from the Gularts'. We will have the convenience of walking most anywhere we need, as well as multiple opportunities to practice and develop our Spanish skills.

There have been many new cultural changes we have been learning about as well as new ways

of living! There is no hot water in the kitchen, you have to buy everything you would ever need for a house, including air conditioners for each room, and then take them with you

whenever you leave. The people are very friendly, and it's impolite to not greet everyone and also say goodbye directly to everyone. While there have been many challenges and new experiences, there have been so many things to be thankful for! Our kids and the

Gulart kids were instant friends and have had so much fun playing with

each other over the past couple weeks. We feel a bond with Alex and Deltha and could never thank them enough for their help and advice so far. We have met so many new and friendly people and met another

American missionary in the grocery store!

The other night, Jerry was able to reconnect with an Indian man we met last time we were here. He is a Hindu, with a very questioning spirit about different religions, including Christianity. He speaks English very well and we were able to invite him over last night and talk for a few hours. Jerry has met with him again and they are starting to read the Gospel of John. It was an unexpected event, but one that we are so thankful for!! We are praising

God that this man not only lives in the same apartment building as us, but is eager to hear more about our faith. Please pray for him and for Jerry as they spend more time together discussing the Gospel.

We are so thankful for you and your prayers! God has been so good to us, and we look forward to sharing again soon some more crazy and new adventures!!

We are eager to begin assimilating to the culture and studying Spanish during the first several months here. We are so excited to be a support where we can for the current ministries of



meeting at the Gularts' home and look forward to actively planning

a church plant in the near future. We are also exploring opportunities to serve in the community as a church family. The potential for ministry in Ciudad del Este is still everything we had anticipated and more. We are so excited to see what doors God will continue to open here and in the surrounding regions.

God Bless,

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