

The Hodgsons' Update

Missionary life in Paraguay

Cory, Kim, Naomi, Elijah, and Timothy

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Dear Friends,

Greetings from Paraguay! It has been an exciting year, and there is much to report. Missionary life is not just ministry. We need to balance family, work, and recreation. As our kids grow and the years pass, we must constantly adjust the balance of our lives. Naomi was recently accepted to Grace Christian University, and she will begin there in the fall of 2023. We feel the clock ticking as she will leave our home in less than a year. Elijah is growing

Cory has been very occupied teaching Bible studies each week. Sunday evenings, he goes with Cleiton Menor to Brazil for the Portuguese Bible study. We have a group of around 15 people there and we meet weekly. Our goal is to transition the Bible study to a more structured church meeting. We have several young people who attend faithfully, and often bring their friends. Since Cory doesn't speak Portuguese, he has a translator when he teaches. Please pray that the Bible study will continue to attract young people and they can hear and understand the gospel.

On Wednesday nights, Cory teaches the Spanish Bible study at Grace Bible Church (Iglesia Bíblica de la Gracia). We have been going through Romans since February/March and have a great group of attendees. We have had people from different religious backgrounds attend the study, giving us a great opportunity to share the gospel and clarify misunderstandings about the Christian faith.



Our weekly Bible study in Foz do Iguaco, Brazil

On Saturday nights, we host an English Bible study in our home. It is an opportunity to fellowship in our own language with different nationalities who know or are learning English. Naomi has been participating in the last several months and we love seeing her mature in her faith.



Happy Fourth of July

and maturing, and Timmy is already in the second grade and doing well. In the midst of work and ministry responsibilities, we must tune our interactions and family dynamic to fit the needs of our kids. It is an exciting and challenging time to be parents!



Cory teaching the Wednesday night Spanish Bible study

Kim has been on a break teaching English at the church, but this weekend she will resume her class. We offer these classes for a very

low cost to anyone in the church and it has brought in some non-church goers as well. Please pray for Kim and Sandi Bomers as they teach English and create a positive picture of the church.



The hard-working team from Port Orchard, WA

Naomi has been taking classes online this year and will wrap up her senior year at the end of November. While there have been some challenges (especially calculus), she is working hard and doing well. Elijah and Timmy are in their mid-term exams right now and will also finish their school years at the end of November. We plan for both boys to take online classes next year while we are in the US for home assignment (we leave January 9th!).

How is our health, you ask? At the end of August Cory discovered he had an umbilical hernia. The doctor recommended seeing a surgeon immediately as the condition can be very serious. Eight days after discovering the hernia (there were two in the belly button and another older one elsewhere), Cory had a three hour surgery to repair the damage. There were three holes made laparoscopically, and a larger C-shaped incision around the belly button. The recovery was slow but steady. When Cory went to get the stitches removed, the doctor discovered that the internal stitches had ruptured, and a second surgery became necessary. This will happen at the end of September. Please pray for Cory, his doctor, and the hospital staff as they prepare for what we hope will be a shorter procedure.

If that wasn't enough, Kim's wisdom teeth decided it was time to make their grand entrance. Kim had been having a lot of headaches and tension, and after an x-ray the dentist decided that at least one had to be removed. He was able to extract one of the wisdom teeth and Kim is recovering well.

We want to thank you sincerely for your prayers and support during our first term in Paraguay. As I mentioned, we will return to the US for our home assignment in January. Please pray for our family as we prepare for this sizable transition and get ready for mission conferences.

In His Service,

Cory, Kim, Naomi, Elijah, and
Timmy Hodgson



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