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Patty teaching Sunday School

"For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." Ephesians 2:10

Dear Friends,

It is incredibly gratifying to look back on our lives and marvel at the guidance, provision, and protection that God gives us. Time has gone by really fast but we want to share with all of you a few highlights of our lives and ministries.

Five Months in Ciudad del Este, Paraguay

We arrived back in Ciudad del Este in mid-April and we were able to get the perfect place for us to live. God provided for us the right place for a decent price. We are excited to finally have a home for our family. We have been supporting the church with Talo preaching and teaching and Patty slowly joining the various ministries while also being a mom to Lucas.

When we were here in Paraguay last year we were involved in many of the ministries. Patty sang on the worship team, helped with children's Sunday school, led youth group, and did a discipleship course with two young women. Talo preached at church, taught a basic doctrine and dispensational course, and led/taught a youth group.

Please pray...

- Please pray for the start of our discipleship courses. Pray especially that God gives us the wisdom to invest in the lives of those hungry to learn more about His Word.
- Praise God for the arrival of the Hodgsons, missionary family who recently arrived in CDE. The Bomers are in the States for home assignment, so pray for a good adjustment of our missionary team here in Paraguay.

Our Family Shortly After Lucas was Born



Ladies with a Strong Desire to Learn the Bible For the month of June, Talo taught a Bible study on the Patriarchs and Moses at church. Since the study was pretty basic, he offered the participants an opportunity to start a discipleship course on "The Patriarchs" by Beth Moore. He explained that this course requires a strong commitment and it is time consuming because for each lesson, the student needs to study on her own five days a week. Three ladies from the church responded positively showing a real desire to learn more. It was a bit challenging for Talo to have a group of adult women; however, it was an incredible blessing.



Discipleship team with Talo and Patty

The course helped deepen not only their knowledge of God's Word but also to strengthen Talo and Patty's relationship with each one of them. The ladies have a great commitment to learn the Bible and they didn't miss any meetings, always arrived on time, and have a great desire to share what they learned along with their personal experiences.

Lucas is Almost 8 Months Old!

When you look at your children you realize how fast time goes by. We are thrilled and so blessed to celebrate Lucas's life! We are shocked to see how fast he is growing—he is almost 8 months old already! He is a healthy baby and most people say he is an exact copy of his dad. So, it is accurate to give Lucas the name *Talito* (little Talo in Spanish).

- Praise God for Lucas! We are so happy and blessed to have him in our lives. He is all that we could desire as parents.
- Pray that we would be wise parents and raise Lucas to be a godly person.

Thank you for your friendship, prayers, interest, and support that makes it possible for us to live and serve our Lord in Paraguay.



Left: Patty teaching children's Sunday School; below: Talo preaching on Sunday.

Below: Talo teaching theology









Above: Lucas at 2 months old; left: 4 months old and cheering for Uruguay with Daddy at the World Cup



Above: Lucas at 5 months old

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