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SERVING WITH GMI IN PARAGUAY

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Dear brothers and sisters,

I am thrilled to write this letter to update you on recent events in my life. After being approved by the GMI board last June, I began the process of obtaining a visa so I could visit churches in the United States. Unfortunately, my visa application was denied and my visit to the US was delayed. While this development was disappointing and led to a change in my plans, I know the Lord's timing is always best, and being adaptable is part of serving Christ on the mission field. With this change of plans, I thank God that I was able to jump right into ministry in Paraguay serving alongside Grace Ministries International (GMI) team members Cleiton and Viviane Menor.

The Menors were in urgent need of help with the ministries in Ciudad del Este, Paraguay and they invited me to stay with their family while I continued to raise support and wait for another opportunity to visit the US. This was such a blessing as I was immediately able to get involved in the growing ministry in Paraguay and be part of the exciting work God is doing here!

Being part of the ministry here and sharing Christ and His love with children and adults has been truly rewarding. One of the exciting ministries that I am involved in is the MITÁGUÉRA ATY (Kids Club) program at our ministry center in the La Blanca neighborhood. This is a community outreach program that has the goal of reaching children and families in the neighborhood with the gospel and eventually planting a church. We recently hosted a special Christmas event for the children with food, games, gifts, Bibles for the children who were old enough to read, and a gospel presentation based on the story of Christ's birth. We hope to continue growing this outreach to children and families and are developing more strategies for sharing Christ with this community. **Please pray that this ministry will be effective in reaching children with the gospel and that the Lord will provide opportunities to also share Christ with their families.**

I was also able to partner with a medical school to provide cancer screenings to women in this underserved neighborhood. Through this program, we visit women in their homes and invite them for free checkups. Besides the obvious benefit of cancer screenings, the aim of this outreach was to share the gospel with them and ultimately start a women's ministry in this neighborhood. **Please pray for this program and pray that the women of the community would be open to hearing about Christ.**



Children's Ministry



Christmas Event



Cancer Outreach

At Iglesia Biblica Bereana (Berean Bible Church), a GMI church plant in the adjoining city of Presidente Franco, I formed a four-member media team that provides audio-visual support for our church services. The team also promotes church services, Bible studies, and events through social media and an online presence. Members of this team play various roles such as photography, videography, editing, social media management, and church media projection. I direct the team, assist with editing, and also created a website for the church. You can see some of the team's work by following the QR code. **Please pray for this media team and for Iglesia Biblica Bereana as we continue to experience growth and may soon need a larger meeting space.**

As we enter a new year in 2024 our GMI team in Paraguay is praying and planning for new outreach ministries. I have been spending time connecting and meeting with various women and look forward to starting a Bible study with some of them in early 2024. I am also excited about an opportunity we have to start a Bible study in Canindeyu, an area where there are many indigenous people about three hours from Ciudad del Este. **Please join us in praying for these new opportunities to reach people with the gospel.**

While I thank the Lord that I was able to jump right into ministry here in Paraguay, this has been a step of faith as I do not have the full financial support I need to sustain myself in ministry here. However, I have the assurance of knowing that God is in control of everything and He is taking care of every detail. I want to express my gratitude to you for the prayers and support that God has provided through you as you partner with me. **It is only through your financial support, encouragement, and prayers that I am able to serve the Lord here in Paraguay.**

In November I applied again for a US visa utilizing the services of an agency in Brazil that assists with the visa application process. **Please pray that this second attempt is successful and that the US will grant me a visa so I can visit you all in person.**

Thank you for your support, encouragement, and prayers! I look forward to the day when I can meet you in person and express my gratitude to each of you.

Your sister in Christ,

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