



# Paraguay Missions

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## CHRISTMAS SURPRISE!

This year Dan and I received a fantastic early Christmas present. Our youngest son Kyle and his girlfriend Dani surprised us with a 2 week visit. Well, the surprise was kind of on them because Dan had already committed to be in Bolivia for the second week they were here to translate for a international youth conference. (more below).

What fun to see the reaction of the kids and some of Kyle' friends when he just showed up. There were some tears shed! Our youth sure have missed their former youth leader. I don't believe Kyle was here for a whole day when one of the youth asked the question he used to hear oh so often "What are we doing for youth Saturday?" Kyle and Dani did the youth night both Saturdays they were here.

One of our neighbors brought over some mangoes for Dani and the next day our neighbors Dad brought some over for Kyle.

Liz, the youngest in the Children's Home acted as if Dani came just for her. Even though Dani doesn't speak Spanish, love has no language barriers. They had a great time together playing and cuddling. When it was time to say good-bye, Liz sobbed and sobbed in Dani's arms.

It sure was great having them here and the time flew by way to quickly.

Last night was the graduation of Pastor Angel for the first part of his seminary studies. He has completed the 2 year basic study with the certificate of "Worker". After 2 more years of study, he will receive a "Ministerial" diploma. We are so very proud of him. Angel really enjoys his studies and comes home talking about things he has learned. There will be some big changes for Angel and therefore for us too, in the new year but I will wait to write about that in the next newsletter.

Dan has had a busy month of travel and camp work in the times he has been home. He travelled to the Chaco to set up things for the Area Convention taking place Dec. 22 and 23. While he was there, he also visited three other areas and officially organized two new works. The first is in a area called Palo Azul and the second in Saria. Both of these works are among our indigenous people.

Dan and Pastor Angel along with several others from Paraguay went to Bolivia for an International Youth Conference. As I mentioned in the last letter, Dan was invited to translate for Trevor Reid. One of our youth, who just graduated as an English teacher, translated for Aileen Reid. It was a 33 hour bus ride each way so it was very tiring but Dan said it was definitely worth it. The classes and services were great and it was in a very beautiful location.

Dan said that Trevor and Aileen Reid taught some amazing material to youth leaders from 6 different nations and really challenged them in their ministries.

Please pray for the youth of our churches in South America that a continent wide revival would break our among them and transform all nations.

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### Ministries

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This past Tuesday, the day Dan arrived back from Bolivia, we received some terrible news. One of our dearest friends had passed away. Richard along with his wife have been missionaries in Paraguay for more than 30 years. We first met them 16 years ago. They live about 45 minutes from us.

Dan and Richard had so much in common. Richard and Elli are building a mission school and so Dan and Richard would often share information about where to get the best prices on building materials or what products work best etc. They would often call each other just to talk.

We have spent many holidays with them and had planned to have had a late thanksgiving/early Christmas dinner with them on the 15th of December.

There were many times over the years God used Richard to speak into my life and sometimes about things I hadn't even told him about. Due to his many years of missionary experience he would just be talking about something that happened to him and it would be just the encouragement that I needed at the time.

A few days before Kyle arrived in Paraguay we got to spend the day with Richard and Elli and then after we picked Kyle and Dani from the airport we met them for lunch. I am so glad we had those last few cherished times.

I mentioned a few months ago about a friend giving us a motorcycle for Pastor Angel, that came from Richard.

As I write this newsletter Dan is at their mission property cutting the grass preparing for the burial tomorrow. Richard will be buried on the mission property with a military salute. He was a Vietnam war Veteran.

We will greatly miss this Godly man, our friend and mentor. Please remember his wife in prayer as she will have many decisions to make on her own now.

## PRAISE

-Thank you for all the prayers for Dan's trip to Bolivia and for me staying here. Little did I know at the time that God would send me Kyle and Dani to help me with my work.

-The interdenominational youth concert was a huge success. The place was packed and our youth had a great time. There were several non church kids there.

## PRAYER

-District Convention on December 22 and 23rd in the Chaco. Please remember Dan as he finalizes all the plans. Also travelling mercies for the 7 hour trip each way.

-Youth Camp January 17-20th plus the group coming in the week before camp and all the many events they will be involved in.

-For strength in service—we have been very busy and now that we are in full camp season it is getting busier.

-Our local church. We pastor a very small church and 3 of our ladies have left for Argentina. One just for a couple of weeks, one for the whole summer and one may be permanent. Pray that the excitement the church has been feeling will not turn to discouragement.



The kids are off school for the summer (except Rocio who goes until the 21st) and already some are missing school, their friends and one is even already dreading the next school year because she has to go on to high school and doesn't want to .

We were very proud of the kids as we read over their report cards. Several of them have surprised us as to how they have improved their grades from the last term. Six of the seven public school kids got awards for top marks and Carolina got a certificate in high school for her good conduct and participation for her grade. This coming year we will be up to 10 kids in

High school. We may have to re-name it from a Children's Home to a Youth Home.

Monica was very excited to have celebrated her birthday with Kyle and Dani here. Several of the kids told Kyle that for their birthday present they want him to come for their birthday.

The kids have asked for a change in the Christmas plans this year. They would like their presents for Christmas and not the day of the Kings on January 6th. I quickly said that would be fine. Then as I thought about my current schedule and possibly staying in the Home for some Vacation time for Maria and Osvaldo I got a little nervous about having time to shop for them. I may have to stay home to shop while Dan goes to Chaco alone just to make sure that I can get it all done.

Next Thursday starts Children's Retreat and our kids are so blessed to be able to attend for free.

Youth Retreat is in January and most of the teen girls put clothes on their wish lists so they can have new clothes for camp.

The last few times I have been in the camp pool with the kids I have just had to be thankful. The first time was when I was in there with Kyle and Dani and all the kids. I was watching the kids laughing and having a great time and I realized that I was working. What I difficult life I lead sometimes. I was enjoying the pool and looking after the kids!

My second moment of thankfulness was after a super hot long day, Dan and I took the kids to the pool. I said to one of my teens "This Children's Home is so blessed to have a pool to enjoy!"



Liz and her new best friend, Dani

Kyle "hanging" around with some of the kids.



Monica's thirteenth birthday party.

Pastor Angel's graduation from the first two years of seminary.





Daniel, Natalie, Dan,  
Gwen and Kyle Miller.  
Also in this picture is  
Kyle's girlfriend Dani

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## Final Thoughts:

These last couple of weeks Dan has done a few favors for some neighbors. They thanked him in ways far better than money. One neighbor brought over a huge pan of Chipa Guazu (a corn bread with real corn) hot out of the oven. Another man has brought fresh eggs and 3 different times fresh cows milk. We really have wonderful people around us.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Years,

Gwen and Dan