



*A Ministry of the  
Church of God of  
Prophecy*

**“He put a new song in my mouth,  
a hymn of praise to our God.  
Many will see and fear the Lord  
and put their trust in Him.”**

**-Psalm 40:3**



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## Daily Life in Quyquyho, Paraguay!

Happy September everyone! Now I know back in the United States everyone is excited about Fall and everything you could possibly imagine suddenly comes in pumpkin flavor, but here in Paraguay we are entering Spring and the days are starting to warm up! We've been back in South America for a little over



a month now, and living in our house in

Quyquyho we're starting to develop a weekly routine to our activities. So, I thought I'd give everyone a quick glance

into our daily lives as missionaries in Paraguay!

By far the busiest days for us are Friday through Monday. Fridays are now designated to teaching music lessons to the girls of the "El Puente" orphanage in Quyquyho. We live just around the corner from this children's home and I get to see the girls almost every day as they walk to school. On Saturdays, Stephen and I have started a youth service in Quyquyho as an extension of the work the Church of God of Prophecy is doing here.

Sundays by far are our busiest days. In order to make it in time for morning service in Carapegua, Stephen and I have to leave our house in Quyquyho by 7am. Sunday morning services in Paraguay are usually held early so people have time to go home and cook for lunch. Normally, we are ending service in

Carapegua around 10:30am. After that we make our weekly trip to the grocery store as Quyquyho doesn't really have what I would call a supermarket, and drive the 1 ½ hours back to our house to eat lunch and prepare for night service. By the time evening service in Quyquyho is over, Stephen and I are usually pretty exhausted. On Mondays we have music lessons back in Carapegua. It's good to be able to go to a bigger town during a weekday. In the town we live in there are no grocery stores, restaurants, etc. so if we need to do business in town, Mondays are usually the days we do that. Generally, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays are the days we have open to get any other work



accomplished, such as doing laundry, working on our house (it's still a work in progress), doing yard work, etc. It seems like we've been painting our house forever, but after staining our entire wood ceiling the end is almost in sight. Being a missionary in a foreign country has its adventures, but in the end Stephen still has to do the dishes. ☺ (P.S. Stephen says that last part isn't funny.)



## Sampson's Space

Missionary work from the viewpoint of a pup.

Hello from Paraguay, it's Sampson here! I've almost forgiven mom and dad for the whole "leaving me in a kennel incident" last month and have decided to let them love me once again. Although, mainly I'm just happy because they finally fixed the fence and I can run around the yard now



without being tied to a tree! Oh the freedom! I've chased chickens, birds, and even that annoying cat next door who thought he could just take residence in my yard! Haha, not anymore you feline fiend! I almost had that cat by the tail, but he slipped from my reach by climbing up a wall! If you don't know anything else about me, you should know this- I HATE CATS! I don't know why. I just do. I remember when I was just a puppy and I saw my first kitten. It was cute and fuzzy, but then all of a sudden I had this overwhelming urge to attack! This was a cat and by the laws of nature its rightful place was in my mouth! Mom was a little shocked by how I reacted to the

kitten, and immediately decided we weren't going to get a cat after all.

In my new found freedom, I've discovered that eggs are delicious, and the best thing is the eggs I'm eating are free range! You see, before the fence was repaired, chickens from next door liked to roam around our house. I barked at them to go back to their own yard, but since I was on a line there wasn't much else I could do. Now that I'm free I've successfully evicted every bum chicken that was squatting on our property, and the best part is I get to eat the eggs they leave behind in their nests as spoils of war! Huzzah!!!!!!

**\*Note from Jessica\*- After chasing cats and chickens all day, Sampson tends to snore like an old man! Check him out sawing logs here- [Snoring Sampson](#).**

## Thank You to All Our Supporters!

Stephen and I want to thank each and every one of the people who are faithful each month in supporting our ministry. When we were back in the United States in July, people from all over came to bless and encourage us! Random strangers and people who have known us for years just handed us donations and we are grateful for every cent you give. However, we are still looking to boost our monthly support levels.

Can you help us reach our monthly support level of \$1300? We are looking for people who can commit to giving a small amount to the Mission 403 ministry, anywhere between \$10 and \$50 a month. It's this consistent support that helps us to continue to minister. If you'd like to become a monthly supporter, please go to [www.mission403.org/donate](http://www.mission403.org/donate) to learn more. All donations to Mission 403 are completely tax deductible and every dime you give goes towards spreading the love of Christ in Paraguay. If you ever have any questions about how to donate or want to know more about the Mission 403 ministry, please visit our website or contact us through our Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/mission403](http://www.facebook.com/mission403). God bless.



## Youth Service at “El Puente” in Quyquyho!

As we've mentioned before in previous newsletters, the Church of God of Prophecy is the only non-Catholic church functioning the area of Quyquyho, where we've built our house. Quyquyho is located about 1 ½ hours away from Carapegua and the COGOP campground where we were living before. For the last few years, COGOP has been holding services at the cafeteria of the “El Puente” (The Bridge) Children's Home on Sunday nights while a church building is being built. However, now that Stephen and I are living in this village, we felt that opening a youth service on Saturday nights would be a great way to grow the mission and help to establish a fully functioning church in the area.

Our first youth service we talked about how Christ can be a light for us in the dark times of our lives referencing Matthew 5:14-16. Personally, I shared with the girls how I felt when my father passed away from cancer at a young age. I described how God helped me to get through that time, and how He is continuing to help me as I grieve. It was a simple service, but all the girls seemed to enjoy being together, playing games, and talking about their different experiences. One young lady, who is new to the children's home and has lived a very hard life, later said she decided to give her life to Christ in that service! Wow! I am so humbled by this and I hope that as we continue to hold services the ministry in Quyquyho will bless more people.

## Paraguay Fun Fact

What is a traditional dance in Paraguay that requires props you can find in almost any household?

The “Dance of the Jars” or as I like to call it “The Bottle Dance” is a dance exclusively for women to the sound of polka music. No matter the different configurations or movements, women in this dance perfectly balance bottles on their heads and some even stack the bottles one on top of the other. Check out this [YouTube video](#) of Paraguayan women partaking in this unique tradition.

Next Month's Paraguay Fun Fact- Which religious order first came to Paraguay as missionaries?



## Prayer Requests

Stephen and I always covet your prayers for us and our ministry, but here are a few specifics to throw in too!

1. Please pray for the monthly personal support levels for Mission 403. As of late, funding has dropped below the monthly goal of \$1300, so we need God to speak to people about supporting our ministry.
2. Pray for Stephen and I as we put the finishing touches on our house in Quyquyho.
3. The Paraguay COGOP Youth Convention will be held in less than 2 weeks! Pray for this event!
4. Pray that one day we will be able to complete everything in order to get our Paraguay immigration documents.

## Mission 403 Ministry Statement

Mission 403, as an affiliate ministry of the Church of God of Prophecy, will seek to save the lost by drawing people to Christ through the power of music. We will instruct students how to play musical instruments for praise and worship using Christian songs as teaching tools. Mission 403 will bring a dynamic music program to the Church of God of Prophecy in Paraguay to spark a revival in our churches and communities.

## How Can You Help?

Doors have been opened, but the ministry of Mission 403 cannot continue without your help. Stephen and I are currently looking for dedicated people who can partner alongside of our ministry by supporting us with small monthly donations (\$10- \$50 per month) or with a one-time gift. We need approximately \$1300 per month to fully cover daily living and operating expenses in Paraguay.

There are two ways you can give to help support Mission 403. You can give online via our church, [The Church of God of Prophecy](#). Once on the webpage click on online giving. From here you can set up an account to automatically draft monthly donations from your debit/credit card or you can select quick give for a one-time donation. Be sure to designate your online gift towards Mission 403 Paraguay via the drop down menu. You can also support Mission 403 via the offerings at your local Church of God of Prophecy. If you do not attend a Church of God of Prophecy and you would like to support Mission 403 with financial donations, please set up an account online as described above or you can send your donation to the following address:

**Church of God of Prophecy  
Global Missions  
P.O. Box 2910  
Cleveland, TN 37320-2910**

If you ever write a check to support Mission 403, please make it payable to Church of God of Prophecy and write Mission 403 in the memo line. All donations to Mission 403 are fully tax deductible. We thank each and every one of you for all your support and prayers! God bless!



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