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SPREADING GOD'S LOVE IN PARAGUAY WITH THE POWER OF MUSIC

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HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM PARAGUAY!

Spending our first Christmas and New Year in Paraguay was a whirlwind of fun and new experiences. In the United States, people usually celebrate the holiday season with great feasts of Turkey and lots of wonderful soul food to feed the body during the cold winter. In Paraguay, when Christmas and New Year's Eve rolls around, it's time to get out the grill and barbeque anything and everything! On Christmas Eve, Dan and Gwen Miller invited several of the neighbors to come out to the camp to celebrate with all of us. To our surprise, everyone dressed in their finest clothes for the occasion. Stephen and I didn't know Christmas Eve was considered a "formal event" so in a mad dash to not stand out from the crowd, we quickly showered and changed into what I would deem "church" clothes. I think I got ready in about 8 minutes flat...that includes showering, blow drying my hair, and putting on makeup. I think I set a new record in getting ready time. I hope Stephen doesn't expect me to get ready that quickly from now on! Those were extenuating circumstances and I just cannot be forced to make a mad dash every time we need to go somewhere. A girl has to have her standards.

New Year's Eve followed the same as Christmas Eve except it wasn't as big a deal as Christmas. Again, we dined on grilled

chicken, beef, and pork with some amazing salads for side dishes. The power that night was on and off sporadically due to a big storm and we ate most of our meal by candlelight. Thankfully though, the electricity did come back on and we managed to stay awake until midnight to talk to both of our families to wish them a happy new year. Of course, this occurred at 10:00pm EST as Paraguay time is two hours ahead. Still, with the new year upon us I am amazed to think about how much my life changed in 2015. For those of you who know me personally, one year ago was a very difficult time for me and my family, but through the grace of God, I am now in Paraguay doing something I've felt the desire to do for my entire life. One year ago, my husband and I both had full-time steady jobs working for the government. We had a house and all the things one expects to have to enjoy life. But in 2015 God changed everything and rocked our world. So right now as I type this newsletter, I am sitting in almost 100°F heat in a third world country where English is not the spoken language. I am living as a guest at the church campground while my house is being built. Instead of two cars we now have our faithful 4X4 truck. Our lives are completely different...and I couldn't be happier or more excited about it. Happy New Years!



Bring the gift of music to a youth in Paraguay. Mission 403 needs assistance buying instruments for the ministry. Can you help?

Help Mission 403 Buy Instruments!!

Mission 403 is currently looking to buy instruments for instruction and for some of its students who cannot afford such a purchase on their own. Currently we are teaching lessons in guitar, piano and the electric bass. We hope to offer drum lessons sometime in the near future.

As of right now, we would like to buy the following instruments:

- 3-5 acoustic guitars- \$120 each**
- 1 electric bass- \$500**
- 1 keyboard (piano)- \$1000-\$1500**
- 1 drum set (with cymbals)- \$600**

If you or your church is interested in helping Mission 403 with the purchase of instruments for ministry, please contact Jessica Schaefer by email at jhwschaefer@gmail.com

All instruments or donations given to Mission 403 always go directly to support the ministry. Already, we are seeing people being drawn into the church through music and the opportunity to learn how to play a musical instrument. The people here are amazed that they can learn how to play an instrument for absolutely free. Mission 403 always wants to be able to provide this ministry free of charge to the people of Paraguay, but we cannot do this without your support. Please consider helping us buy some of these instruments, and if you would like to offer regular support to Mission 403 please turn to page 4 of this newsletter to learn how you can become a monthly donor.



Mission 403 playing for a regional youth lock-in.



Sampson is a 5 year-old German Shepard mix who loves Paraguay but is really missing his big comfy couch and air conditioning he left behind in the U.S.



Sampson's Space

Missionary work from the viewpoint of a pup...

It's really hot in Paraguay guys! And I don't just mean sometimes...it's hot all the time! Other than being hot, I spend lots of my time listening to mom and dad play music. It soothes me and I often fall asleep while listening. When it's time for music lessons, I like to have a little fun every now and then though. I always get yelled at, but it's hilarious to see everyone's reaction when I poke my nose at their music sheets and they go flying on the floor! HA HA! It makes me laugh just thinking about it.

Oh, one exciting thing that happened lately is that my invisible fence stopped working one day and I was able to go on an adventure. It was in the morning so no one noticed when I slipped past the line and was beyond my designated area. It

was so much fun! I went to the neighbor's house and barked at their cows and I even found something really smelly to roll in. Needless to say, mom was not very happy when she found me and I had to endure a horrible bath, but I think it was worth it. However, I'm now on house arrest and cannot go anywhere without my leash. It stinks, but I'm told that our new house is currently being built and that there is a fence just for me around the whole property. I'm going to be able to run as free as I want, but you know that I'll have to find some way to break out every now and then...hehe. I know that they would never admit it, but I think mom and dad's life would be a little boring without me in it. ☺

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Mission 403 Music School

One of the driving goals of the Mission 403 ministry in Paraguay is to empower people by teaching music. Currently, we are offering music lessons in

piano, guitar, and the electric bass. We are hoping to also start offering drum lessons in the near future with the help of local drummer here in Paraguay, but we will have more details on those lessons at a later date. For now, we have about 15 students at the Campground Tierra Prometida and in the city of Carapegua. Soon, we will also be offering lessons in the village of Quyquyho and in the city of San Lorenzo which is close to the capital of Asuncion. God is blessing and we are beginning to see some of our students stand up and participate on worship teams during services. Our desire is to disciple and raise up talented musicians in our congregations so that we might make a joyful noise for all the nation of Paraguay to hear.



put together a musical set that we prayed would lead the youth attending the lock-in into a true atmosphere of worship. Joining us at the lock-in were also some other musicians from near-by churches and we had a lot of fun playing together throughout the night. Stephen and I played one song in English for talent time and managed to make it all the way to 4:30am before we called it quits and went to bed. It was a great night and we got to meet a lot of new people from surrounding churches. We are excited to be a part of the COGOP organization here in Paraguay and we are looking forward to playing at more events in the near future.

Quyquyho House

Dan and Gwen Miller have been very gracious to us in allowing us to live at the campground while we set-up shop in Paraguay. However, now that we are somewhat established, Stephen and I have begun the process of building a small house in the village of Quyquyho. It will have two bedrooms, one bath, a living room, and a kitchen. Also, there will be a big front porch and a back porch to sit outside and enjoy everything quite village life has to offer. We are hoping to be living in our house by sometime in February God willing. Please pray that it doesn't rain too much more so that our construction workers can work on the house without having to stop due to the weather. We are very excited about our little house and are looking forward to when mission teams, friends, and family come to visit in the future.



Youth Lock-In



Within the month of December, Mission 403 was asked to provide the music for a youth lock-in where all the COGOP churches of the southern region of Paraguay were invited to attend. So, we pulled together some of our students from the music school and some others who have been helping with worship at our local church and



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 dream of Mission 403 cannot become a reality 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. It is estimated that we will need approximately \$1300 per month to fully cover daily living and operating expenses while in Paraguay.

There are two ways you can give to help support us and Mission 403. You can give online via our church (The Church of God of Prophecy) at www.cogop.org. 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 37320-2970



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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.

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