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A Team of Blessings!

What a blessing this mission team was!! Linda Jackson, leader of the team, has been a friend of ours for many years now. The other 5 people on the team were new to us but we quickly fell in love with them all.

In their time in Ciudad del Este, the team shared and preached in 2 local churches. The altars were full and they spent a lot of time praying and ministering to the people. In between services Sunday, Kerry did a children's program in the park with 30-40 kids in attendance. There was a Bible lesson, songs and then lots and lots of candy given away.

Tuesday night service at our local church in Carapegua, Van preached with Dan interpreting. God used him to give us a powerful message. Then there was a message and interpretation given that confirmed the great things God has in store.

Our Wednesday night service was cancelled but God knew that we needed time to complete some things before camp on Thursday. We so appreciate the team for helping with cleaning the camp, cutting grass, doing laundry, helping with the banner, setting up tables and cutting all the girls hair in the home to get ready for camp. There were more things but this is to give you an idea of the variety of jobs they did while here aside from the ministry events.

Thursday through Sunday was youth camp. Our theme this year was "Throw out the net". I, Gwen, have been praying for a year now for purity and holiness for our youth. I didn't tell the Team but that is the sum of what they preached and taught on. Through their very open and real messages they spoke into the kids lives where they were at. I heard several times that the class or message was "just for me". I was in awe during the girls class at the openness of the girls to confess their sins and apparently the boys class was the same thing. Since the walls of judgment were broken down from the beginning of camp the kids poured out their hearts to teachers, counselors and to God in the altar.

I would like to share just one testimony of what God did in camp. Many of you know Pastor Gregorio and his wife Josefa. Their youngest son has been away from the Lord for some time and into a life of drugs. The week of camp he found himself at rock bottom and called his parents. They told him to sell his things and get on a bus and come home, so he did. There were no more slots left for camp but they wanted him to go. Santiago got his clothes ready and Pastor Gregorio brought him out. It ended up that one youth didn't come and so he was able to stay. Having an ex-drug addict for the guest evangelist was not a coincidence with God. Santiago gave his heart back to the Lord and was filled with the Holy Ghost. It was a joy to watch him praising God with his whole heart. God lit a fire in him and he quickly was helping with activities in camp. On Sunday he was baptized. Monday he was in the park singing and Tuesday preaching door to door. The Saturday following camp he was at our local church and gave his testimony. God is so good and remember Santiago in your prayers, that the flame keeps burning. He is such a sweet heart and just beams now with God's peace and joy.

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We praise the Lord that around 30 kids gave their hearts to the Lord during camp! The kids really connected to the team and I am still hearing about how much they blessed the kids lives.

As soon as the campers left the Pastors and wives came in. Linda preached that Sunday night . After altar time we split in 2 groups and Tami shared with the Pastors wives. Then Toshia was asked for some advice since she was Pastor's kid. We didn't get to bed until midnight but many lives were touched that night.

First thing Monday morning our team left us with some tears and many hugs from all the kids in the Home. I am asked still on a regular bases when they are coming back.

God has a unique way of working things out. Right before the team arrived my fridge died. Dan called the repair man to come and get it but told him that we had people coming in so we couldn't be without a fridge. He brought out an older fridge that worked great. My fridge was repaired and the Team purchased the borrowed fridge from the repairman for a neighbor and friend of mine. Rosa has a 13 year old daughter with diabetes. They had to get ice twice a day to try and keep Rosa Catalina's insulin at a cool temperature in her juice thermos. Now thanks to the Team's generosity they don't have to do that anymore and they can make their own ice too. Rosa, the mom, told me she hardly slept that night because she couldn't stop thinking about the fact that she owned a fridge now and what a wonderful gift she had received.

The other super blessing was the weather for camp. We had unusual winds in the afternoon and cooler than normal temperatures. It was the perfect weather for camp. Right after the team left we had over 100 degree temperatures for many days and long hot night that made for difficult sleeping. It was 95 in my house. I am so thankful that the Lord gave us all enjoyable weather for the camp and allowing my friends to have cooler temperatures for their stay with us.

Praise and Prayers:

This weekend is our Ladies Retreat. We are praying for a great time with the Lord.

We have had a very busy camp season and we Praise the Lord for that. Please pray for physical strength for us.

For our youth that they won't let the fire die from camp. That this generation would rise up to be warriors for Christ.

I praise the Lord for my wonderful husband who helped me in so many ways for camp . He did the grocery shopping for camp, he translated for the team for all preaching and one class, prayed over youth in the altar and he taught a class.

Please help us pray for rain. Our grass is no longer green it is brown and crunchy.



Summer vacation is almost over here and the kids are getting anxious for school to start. Rocio starts back to University on the 18th and the rest start on the 25th. Angel and Sofia start high school and Samuel and Carolina enter in Grade 12. Where does the time go? Next week I will ask for my annual school fashion show. That means that the kids have to put on their school uniforms from last year, so I can make my list of what I need to buy this year.

February 18th is also going to be a special day because it is Alejandra's 15th birthday. Next week we will start making the table

center pieces. I have most of the decorations and things we need already and thanks to Linda Jackson, Ale has a beautiful dress to wear.

As an added bonus to let Ale know that she is beautiful and loved, she was named Queen of Youth Camp this year.

The kids have been very blessed by living on the same property as the camp. Aside from them getting to participate in Children's Retreat and Youth Retreat for free, they have been blessed by groups renting the facilities. Just recently the Peace Corps group took a group down to read to the little ones and the teens were invited to participate in some of the manual classes. The best one for me, was that they showed the youth how to cut glass bottles to be used for drinking glasses. After their camp they left me all the cut bottles. I am hoping

to use those for Ale's center pieces.

Some of the church camps invite our youth to participate in their services. One church group last week made supper for all the kids. They sent down so much food it was enough for lunch the following day too.

Our kids were so blessed by our Mission team. They each received gifts, which were greatly appreciated and needed. All of the girls received a straightening iron to share. I thought that one teen in particular might kiss it.

We enjoyed a special meal together in the Home prepared by all the kids and both House Parents. It was a feast of typical foods.

The kids got lots of quality time with the team in their stay here and enjoyed the hugs and playing with them.



Santiago (that I talked about on pg.1) singing his heart out for the Lord after he rededicated his life.



Linda anointing a gifted young man that has a definite calling on his life for ministry

Seeing this youth and others like him, giving their all to God makes it all worth while.



Our wonderful team: Toshia and Chris, Van and Kerri, Tami and Linda





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Final Thoughts:

Over the past several weeks I have heard numerous people that I consider to be blessed complaining about different things. Sure we all have our troubles and trials but often I think that our attitude is motivated by our point of view. If we think that we are not blessed, then we might act that way. If on the other hand we believe that we are blessed every day, every hour, then I believe we will also act that way. God is good, it's a fact. I am blessed, which is also a fact. How about you?

Blessings,

Dan and Gwen