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UPDATE

Since Dan wrote the newsletter for me last month, please allow me to back up a bit and include a few things that Dan didn't have room to include.

The week before and after Easter weekend were great opportunities for ministry. A ministry here in Paraguay loaned the "Jesus" movie, projector, screen and booklets for anyone in our area who wanted to show the "Jesus" movie in the local schools. Since we were busy with a camp, Dan was only able to go to one school with about 35 kids praying the sinners prayer with him and Sister Felecita. We also showed the movie at one of our members homes as an outreach in her neighborhood. It was a cold night but we still had visitors.

Pastor Angel showed the "Jesus" movie at several schools in remote areas along with another local youth. They had more than 200 youth and children pray the sinners prayer with them. Pastor Angel told us that even the teachers prayed with them. At the very first school they went to the Principal of the school told the students after the movie that they would be doing a school project. The students were required to go home and tell their parents what they had learned from the movie and were to write a report about it. The booklets that were provided to give away to the kids, were great quality Bible stories. Pastor Angel said as the kids were leaving the school they were reading and walking and showing each other the drawings. We praise the Lord for this unexpected blessing

Dan had hoped to go to the Chaco this week but that has not worked out. The Chaco has experienced major flooding and many areas had to be evacuated. Thankfully our people in La Rosa Kue were okay but the road was flooded leading into the community. Our Pastors have gathered some food and clothes for Dan to take with him when he goes. Also this week Dan purchased blankets and the mosquito nets that the Pastor has asked for. We hope to be able to collect more food items before the trip up north.

Dan has heard from the leader of La Patria and they have voted that they do want the church to start a work in their community.

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We mentioned in the March newsletter about starting a mission in Mboi Cae, about 11km outside of Ququyho. Dan, Pastor Angel, and Osvaldo did a children's outreach there with 35 attending. They had cookies, chocolate milk and the songs and Bible lesson were geared for the kids. Church is held outside under a mango tree and the people are really grateful to have services. On Palm Sunday Dan was talking about that day beginning our Holy Week. One lady interrupted him and said that Holy Week started the day church services started in their home.

Dan was in Peru for a week for a conference on church planting. It was held by an interdenominational group and most of our South American Overseers attended. Dan and our Overseer came back super

excited about this teaching. This same ministry will be coming to Paraguay at the end of June to teach our Pastors and leaders.

This past weekend was SOPAS (School of Practical Advanced Studies). We were doubly blessed because along with our General Presbyter, Brother Vidal, came Phil and Diana Pruitt. Phil and Diana were our Pastors in Canada from 1987-1990. They were also the first missionaries in Paraguay, (1978-82). It is thanks to them that Dan even knew about Paraguay and the church looking for someone to come and build a camp. We had a great time taking them around to see the city and some old friends.

SOPAS is always a blessing with intensive classes with great material. Dan had taken 2 of the courses

before but he told me he enjoyed these more this time.

Dan and Pastor Angel also took the Hebrew course that was taught in our local church for the area in the south. We had a Pastor from Bolivia teaching.

Our Overseer has started up Seminary classes in different churches encouraging our people to study. Pastors are required to attend.

I hope to have a more updated picture next month of the construction in Ququyho. It has progressed beyond what I show in the next page. It is looking beautiful and the crew are doing a great job. It is so exciting to stop there each week and see the progress. It will be so exciting to hold our first service in this beautiful multi-use building!

GWEN'S NOTES:

While Dan was in Peru I attended an all night youth meeting in the city. It was so relaxed for me as my first event as ASSISTANT Youth Director. Several times throughout the night youth would come and ask me about the program and I got to say "I don't know. You will have to ask the National Youth Director." I am already looking forward to Youth Camp expecting to have more time to just "hang out" with the youth and not as busy with the program and what I need to do next.

Our Vigilia (all night service) finished at 4:30 am. I walked to the highway with a group from our area, all of them guys, to wait for our bus. There were several groups of people at the highway, drunk, trying to get buses too. So the first bus that came wouldn't stop for our group thinking that they were a group of drunk young people. I told the guys to let me go up front and hail the bus because they would stop for a woman. Sure enough the next bus at 5:00 stopped for me. Sometimes it pays to be older! We took the bus to Carapegua and walked to the church to wait for Sunday morning service at 8:30. Pastor Angel did a good job of preaching, especially after being up all night.

During Holy Week, I taught my Wednesday kids class in Ququyho, about the sacrifice that Jesus made for our sins. I acted out a few parts and really stressed how much Jesus loves us. I could tell that the kids really got the message (sometimes I feel like I am talking to the wall haha). As I ended my class I knelt down and asked if anybody wanted to pray with me to ask Jesus into their hearts. All 13 kids ran to me and knelt down around me and wanted to hold my hands and arms. Moments like that are so rewarding!!



It has been a while since I have included this section in the newsletter. Our kids are all growing and healthy. We have more youth than children now. We have 12 youth 12 years old and up and 6 under 11.

We again this year are receiving free milk and cookies from the government. This year though we have an extra blessing. The government has started a feeding program at schools. They offer pre-packaged meals that requiring boiling in water and serving plus puddings for dessert. The kids tell us they are all delicious. Well we were blown away when we found out that the municipal office was providing it for our Home

Also. God is so good! As the costs of things go up and the exchange rate down, God steps in yet again to prove Himself faithful and God Provides, Jehova Jira.

Our kids finally had their outing. Maria and Osvaldo took the little kids in the van to Festininos. It was a great evangelistic campaign with Luis Palau. The Saturday morning was just for the kids with games, dramas and music. Then they took the kids for indoor games at a store and lunch.

Later that day I took the youth to the evening event of Luis Palau. It was an evening of concerts by well known groups and individuals and then a great evangelistic message by Luis Palau and his son. There were somewhere between 70,000-100,000 people there. They had huge screens set up so even though we were at the back we saw everything and the sound was fantastic.

We (the youth) started off our adventure by having to walk about half an hour down our road to help push the bus we rented out of the ditch. It had rained heavily and the road was slick. This is the second time I have taken the youth on an outing by myself and we had to walk out. I told them that next time I am telling our bus just to wait at the highway and we will walk the 45 minutes to make things easier.

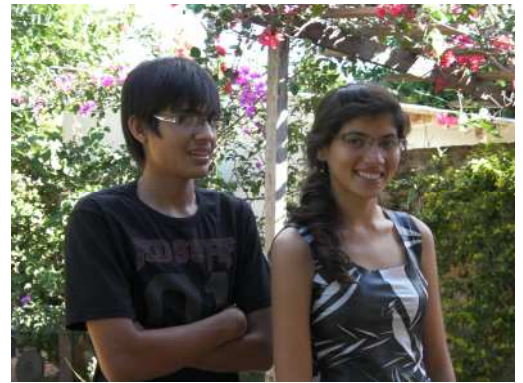
We got to stay until the end of the concerts because it ended by midnight. We all talked for days about different things from the sermon, the music and our adventure. The only thing that could have made it better according to the youth was if Kyle had been there to enjoy it with them.

It was all so good and we thank the Collingwood Church for this special offering allowing us to take everybody on these outings.



Construction of the multi-use facility in Quyquyho.

Samuel and Elena sporting their new glasses.



Sofia turned 12. She wasn't looking forward to her birthday until she found out she could go with the youth on their outing.

Rosa Catalina (a neighbor girl) modeling her new fleece track suit that she got for her birthday thanks to Sis. Hilda from the Winston Salem Church.





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Final Thoughts:

I, Gwen, am not a computer person but I hope this format of newsletter is more user friendly. We were asked about making it easier for photocopying in black and white to help local churches with their printing costs. If there is any other way I can improve it please let me know.

Happy Mother's Day to all the special mom's reading this! A special wish for my mom Doris Bowins and Dan's mom Kay Murray.

Blessings to all,

Gwen and Dan