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Paraguay

We have been blessed in the past couple of years to have several work teams from the States and Canada come to help out in the Colegio Privado Adonai school project. We have been blessed by donations for the projects, construction workers, and even English teachers who interacted with our school family. The Lord has brought us so far and yet there is still much to be done. We praise Him for His faithfulness to our church and school community.

This year, seven years after the school was opened, the Ministry of Education accredited our final, 12th grade, year. We excited and satisfied with the progress of the school and everyone who had a part, financially and academically, in reaching this goal.

Our 12th graders are HEROES! They have been passed around from space to space never having a "classroom" of their own. They have had classes in the back of the sanctuary, in the library, in the 1st grade room, and finally, this year, in the kitchen! Our future goals are to place all the Jr. High and High School classrooms in the new addition and have all of the elementary grades in the other section of the building. We have two rooms in this new addition built and we need four more!

Ever since the school opened we have had the snack bar in corners, closets or utility rooms. This past year we were grateful to open a real kitchen/snack bar area...for the cook! The students still have no place to sit in a cafeteria area, and therefore, they eat while playing soccer or in the park, or sometimes even leave their trash on benches in the school yard. There are no limits because there are no good accommodations.

Our next two, urgent projects are to finish the cafeteria area which includes a foundation, floor, and pillars. The pillars will be for the ceiling/floor of the second story classrooms, our second project. The foundation will cost roughly around \$5000. The pillars and cement ceiling will be roughly \$15,000. After that, we will need donations to start on the classrooms; cement, bricks, windows, doors, electrical installations, bathroom fixtures, etc.

We are extremely grateful for your support through scholarships/bursaries, school supplies, construction work, and all money entrusted us to further this ministry and goals to educate and evangelize in our church's neighborhood. We trust in the Almighty and believe He is actively working through you all and through our church/school community to spread the Good News of the Gospel.

Thank You!



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Mexico

“Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world.” James 1:27

SAN JOSE DE BACUM SONORA

On January 7-9 we built the brick walls for a home for our widowed sister Andelina. Doing the brick work was a group from Tecate and the United States (Ohio). We worked harmoniously from 8 in the morning until 7 at night each day. We were able to share the Word together also. On January 10 a group from California and Colorado came to partition the rooms and put on a wooden roof. May the Lord be praised for those who put forth an effort to help and those who remained behind to pray for the workers.

Antonio Cervantes



MONTERREY, N.L. MEXICO

“... the Lord hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound.” Isaiah 60:19

On March 3 we went to visit the city of Monterrey. Several weeks before, one of our brothers received a call from his daughter Susana in Monterrey, who had been diagnosed with cancer and was getting worse. She asked if someone could visit her to help her spiritually. Fifteen years earlier we had met Susana Cossio, a 25 year old, full of life and health, smiling, but very apathetic when it came to hearing about Jesus. Now, after struggling with a metastatic cancer, chemotherapy, losing 90 pounds, and human resources leaving her weak and troubled, she felt the need for God in her life.

We went, not knowing what it would be like, not knowing her well at all, but trusting God that He has a Word for those who are brokenhearted. Susana and her husband Carlos were waiting for us in the airport. At her home, many of her siblings were waiting for us along with her children and grandchildren, to hear the Gospel. There were about 15 adults and several children. We

shared God’s Word and the hymns we sang were so precious as they came from the lips of people who hadn’t known the Lord and seemed to be singing with such sincerity. After sharing the Word, there were many questions about the Christian life, including, alcoholism, drug addiction, homosexuality, fornication, and adultery. During the week, as we shared and listened, there were tears that touched our hearts.

Each morning we started a wood fire in a barrel and heated water for our baths and washing dishes and much of the cooking was done over that fire. We visited most of the 8 brothers and sisters of Susana. We felt so much compassion for this family where the tragedy of parents being separated, alcoholism, and a false religion, brought much bitterness and resentment. Susana prayed asking God to forgive her and for Christ to direct her life. Our prayer is, and we ask you to pray with us, that she can continue faithfully seeking the Lord’s face each day, and grow in her love for and dependence upon Him.

In Christ’s love,
Jose and Cathy Cervantes



Puerto Rico

THE FIRST VBS

Once more at this time, we want to be grateful to our good Lord for His great love and mercy upon our lives. Here on the island we are enjoying summer after having a long winter, even though winter here is like a good springtime in other countries.



The kids in Villa Capaez paying attention.

Taking advantage this time of the year when children are on vacation, we decided to have an evangelistic activity with them for one week. Some days we worked with the children in one neighborhood and other days in a different neighborhood. We shared songs, Biblical lessons, handcrafts, and prepared lunch for them each day. The children in both places participated with joy in all the activities.

To conclude the week, we gathered groups of children to a neighborhood playground, where we played games, had an inflatable jumping castle and enjoyed hot dogs and hamburgers during lunch time. For this activity the children's parents were invited. Almost all of them attended, and we were able to have a wonderful time. The children sang the songs they had learned during the week to all the adults present. Everything was great and we could bless the Lord for the opportunity of sharing His Word with others.

This new challenge was a great blessing to the Congregation, because all of us participated in one way or another. It was an event that helped us discover that with our combined efforts and without extra help, we could achieve our objective. We understand it is the beginning of other events to come.



Sharing the lesson

Changing the subject, we want to let you know that the economic situation on our island is in a critical status. The new government has laid off thousands of workers and some big foreign companies that were established here are closing, causing unemployment to be high. All this has caused an increase in delinquency and consequences that come with it. However, we strongly

believe what the Word of God says, that the Glory of God will be poured out over all the earth and of course, Puerto Rico is included. Also the Scripture says that when sin is abundant, the grace of God will be even more abundant, and for that reason the Lord expects our working hands and efforts to continue. We need to place our hands "to the plow" in order to contribute to the extension of His Kingdom



Playing in the inflatable jumping castle.



The Kids in Villa Toledo listening to the Bible lesson

In the months of June and July, our Bro. Harlin Dover had health problems with his heart, and he has been hospitalized twice (once in intensive care). He is at home now and we are continuing to pray for him, and ask also for your prayers.

In the coming month of August, we will be visited once more by our mentor and elder Bro. Jim Haring and his wife, Angie, accompanied by Bro. John Gorenflo and his wife, Jerrie. Surely God has new things through them to motivate us and encourage us.

Once more we want to thank you for your support and love for Mision Cristiana Nueva Vida and we pray to the Lord of the Harvest that soon you will rejoice with us for the great things God will do among us.

God bless you, with love in Christ,
Sisters Jeannette Dover and Raquel Gottardi



Parents watching their children.



Arts and Crafts

Brazil – PAZ

PROJECT AMAZON SANTARÉM, PARÁ

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

People who live along the Amazon River and its tributaries are suffering extreme hardship now in the face of an unprecedented flood. Project Amazon (PAZ) and the Paz churches here are mobilizing all the manpower and goods we can muster, and are sending relief boats out to some of the hardest hit communities.

While the reports coming back are grim, we also see the tremendous resilience and bravery of the river people, especially among those who have faith in Christ.

Perhaps the best way to communicate the facts to you is through the voice of Pastor Nilton Cordeiro, who over and over again has



Living on top of a table.

taken his mission boat out into the flood water to deliver food, clothing and building materials to the communities affected:

“I have worked as a PAZ missionary here for 33 years and have never seen it rain like it’s rained this year. Neither have I ever seen the river flood like this.

“When I visited the community of Pinduri two weeks ago, I found that it had turned into a lake. Some of the houses are completely gone. Others are just a shell, with the walls washed away. Still other houses have come up off their pilings and are bobbing around loose, at the mercy of the wind and waves.

“I’ve seen this tragedy now in many different communities along the river:

“Some of the victims build planks up off the floor of their house – like shelves – so they can have a dry place to stand. Since this puts their heads up into the roof, they’re forced to hunch over all the time.

“I’ve met quite a few people along the river who are living in their canoes by day and then climbing up into the rafters of their flooded houses at night. Their hammocks are slung up there in



Going, going...gone? It's doubtful this house has survived the flood, as the river rose substantially after this photo was taken. The owners had already fled.

Papua New Guinea

For God loved the world so much that He gave His only begotten Son that whoever believes in Him will not die but have eternal life (John 3:16) (Good News Bible).

Having this sense and reason, the mission minded brethren in Canada and the USA do care and love people with different attitudes and characters, who come from different family backgrounds, from different tribal groups and different language speakers around the world.

You all came to our shores forgetting your comfort zones. You all sacrificed, toiled and suffered and invested the most profound; The WORD of GOD in the lost souls. You all used a lot of precious time, effort, money, gifts, talents and resources in shaping these people who are now ready to meet the Second

Coming of the Lord Jesus Christ. What a wonderful and great reward is kept for you in our everlasting Home. We are so blessed through all you do in Christ’s name. May God richly bless and thank you so much.

We established a new Bible School and celebrated our first graduation class last year in December with 27 newly trained and qualified men and women. They are now in different fields of ministry throughout Papua New Guinea in pastoral, evangelism and church planting. We offer relevant courses that are applicable to our Melanesian context and across the world. The students can be trained, be involved and be effective in any ministry fields. Since it is a training center of the Church here, we are dreaming to train more and more leaders who will go out for soul winning ministries. We are now at a very critical condition, due to the uprising of the Cultic Movements like the Bahai Faith, Jehovah Witness, Mormons, New Apostolic Church, etc. we are taking root.



These are the times that try people's souls and test their faith to the core. Can you still say "God is good!" when the flood water stands knee deep inside your house?

can't catch enough fish to get by. Many children are without milk. And with the water pooling inside the houses, often loaded with filth, disease is starting to spread.

"Many families along the river have abandoned their houses now. They wander into nearby communities like refugees from a war. I know of one house, in the community of Aninduba, where there are seven families holed up in a single house.

"When our boat comes in, carrying relief supplies, the people paddle out in their canoes to meet us. They are hungry both for physical food and for the Word of God. They are anxious to come on board our boat for both kinds of food, and also because it gives them a chance to stand upright on a solid deck.

"While there is no guaranty, it is our great hope and prayer that the river will soon recede and the suffering abate."

the rafters. They tie themselves to their children, using ropes, so the child won't fall into the water unnoticed. I personally know of two children who have drowned. One of them fell out of his hammock and drown inside his own house.

"Some of our church workers and their families are going hungry now, because they

Won't you please join us in prayer for the people of the Amazon? If it is within your means, please make a generous donation to flood relief. This can be done using the contribution form on the back of this newsletter, by sending a check to our U.S. office (see address below), or by making an on-line contribution at the PAZ website: www.projectamazon.org.



This house is not abandoned. The family stays in their canoe by day and sleeps up in the rafters at night.

By grace,

Jeff & Becky Hrubik
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In Santarém, the water has poured over the river wall now and flooded the downtown.

Lately the Islam religion is creeping in through some of the leaders and educated elites in the government. There is a big mosque built in the city of Port Moresby, our capital. We are training the intended leaders of the church to be aware of the other movements. The school is still in it's infancy in the need of the following:

1. Theological reference and Christian literature books
2. Reading glasses for students who have trouble seeing
3. Sewing kits for the student's wives
4. Toys for the kindergarten
5. Whatever financial assistance we receive from other sources will be used to purchase stationary or diesel fuel for the generator as we do not have hydro electricity
6. Vehicle for following purposes:
 - a. Students and teachers Cell Group outreach ministry
 - b. Medical run
 - c. Shopping and bank run
 - d. Pick up cargo/goods from Mendi, Hagen or Lae

7. Future buildings
 - a. Library block
 - b. Classrooms
 - c. Teachers' houses
 - d. Mess hall
 - e. Kindergarten block
 - f. Dormitories

These are not a shopping list but a prayer request that God can supply us with what we need at the right time. [If you feel so led to donate to any of these causes, please mark New Guinea and then note which project and send your funds to ACCF in Richmond, VA.]

Thank you so much for your prayer support,

Rex Epi, Acting Principal of the Good News Bible School

Brazil – CLM

Dear Loved Ones,

“The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into His harvest field.”

Reading the above verse, may make you think, “Oh, here comes another missionary, trying to take me out of my comfort zone!” Well, I guess you are right. It is another missionary trying to shake you up enough to make you honestly and openly come before the Lord and ask the question – *What part do You want ME to play in Your Kingdom?*

If God would say, “Yes, I want you to go to the mission field.” what would be your response?

“You couldn’t be speaking to me.” (wasn’t it you that asked?)

“Maybe I could send money or clothes or support someone else to go. Would that be OK with You, Lord?”

“That might fit into my life down the road sometime. I mean after I graduate from college or complete graduate school. Maybe, after I get married. I mean who would ever find me in the backwoods of Brazil.”

“Lord, are you forgetting that I’m deadly afraid of spiders? And snakes, well forget it. How could I ever adapt in a foreign country?”



“You know, Lord, that I’m not very good in languages. How would I ever learn Portuguese? I can’t sing either and they say that missionaries have to sing well and play the guitar because nationals really like that.”

“When I said – *in Your Kingdom* – I meant something closer to home. Brazil is just a little too far away.”

“Ok, Lord, I can give two months and then it is on with my life, OK?”

“What could I possibly do on the mission field? I mean I have an education in ancient literature. Do you really think the Holy Spirit can do something with that?”

“Well, if that is Your answer, I retract the question!”

Hopefully, if you sincerely are seeking the Lord and want to

know His will for your life, none of the above responses would be yours. In fact, what is best is to present a clean slate to the Lord and allow Him to write on it as He desires. Do you have the courage to do that? You will never regret it, but that initial step is sometimes a tough one.



How do you look at life? What is your purpose here on earth? What will have eternal value in relation to your life? Were you saved just to go to heaven? What is the condition of the world today? Are there increasing indications that we are in the end times? Well into the tribulation (ask Vic Schlatter)? Are there people to be saved and missions to be accomplished? Is there time to waste?

The verse above is very true. The harvest is plentiful, but those willing to give their all, are limited. Marie Joy (Gerhardt) Pantelic from North Phoenix sang a song in one of her CD’s about a doctor who gave up a 6 figure salary to go to the mission field. The song relates about his long days and working through the nights. With the rising of the sun each day, he praises the Lord and is filled once again. That song has always stuck with me as a testimony of what God can do in and through a yielded life and the multitude of lives that can be touched and ministered to. How awesome! What could God do in and through you, if you would be willing to step out of your comfort zone and be obedient to God’s call. The need is great and very urgent.

What qualifications are needed to be a full-time missionary at Canaan Land Ministries?

- A converted, sincere, and dedicated Christian.
- A passion and love for children in need.
- A willingness to be stretched and transformed.
- A capacity to work within a team and under the authority of the leadership.
- The support of a home/sending out church.

What is required to become a full-time missionary at Canaan Land Ministries?

A clear and certain conviction from God that you are called to minister at CLM.

Sharing of your conviction with the Ministers and local church and seeking their support of your calling.





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CLM Prayer Warrior – contact Brett and Katerina Larson at clmprayerwarrior@gmail.com

CLM Short Termer Program – Viktória Fulop at viktoria@clmhome.com

CLM Website – <http://www.canaanlandministries.org/newclm/>

Donations – ACCF, c/o Jimmy Hodges, 1135 Sholey Rd., Richmond, VA 23231,

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Contact Mary Gibson at CLM and share your convictions.

Application and interview with the Apostolic Christian Church Foundation Missionary Committee for approval as an Apostolic Christian Church Missionary.

Other preparations would include attending the Missionary Training Institute (MTI) in Colorado and completing the Precepts Course to qualify for a Missionary Visa, and applying for a visa.

In conclusion, CLM is needing full-time missionaries, single men or women and couples, with or without children. To be able to effectively maintain a full house at CLM Entre Rios and fill the home at CLM Turvo, we need to increase the missionary staff. God calls the church to meet the needs of the orphans (and widows). CLM is fulfilling that call, but we want to grow and be all that God dreams for us to be. Please open your heart and pray that the Lord would convict you of His will and help you to be obedient to it.

“Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.”

Matthew 10:39

In Christian love,

CLM Entre Rios: Mary Gibson, Viktória Fulop, Bethany (Shurance) Villalba, Wilson and Joanna Lobo, Mike and Mary Cochran, Meghan (Baumann) de Cruz



CLM Turvo: Luiz and Aninha Moreira, Natalia Moreira



ACCF Update

You may notice that this issue of the Newsletter is “late.,, At the April Foundation meeting the trustees voted to publish the Newsletter on a quarterly basis. We are working with a new printer to provide the best possible product in a timely manner. You may see some differences. Let us know what you think at 1-877-662-7905, new toll free number. In an effort to provide the best possible information and service we also solicit your suggestions for improving the website (accfoundation.org).

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