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Paraguay

Colegio Privado Adonai – 10 years

Recently we asked some of our students with scholarships to share a little bit about what this means to them...

Miguel is in tenth grade. His life is a testimony of how wonderful God is. When he was a just a child he had severe dyslexic problems, and after daily prayers, encouragement and special help in this area, Miguel overcame this difficulty and is now one of the best students in his grade. Through this experience, his mother became a believer in Jesus Christ as her personal Savior and is now working as elementary principal. Today, together with his mother and brother, Miguel prays for the conversion of his father and is grateful to God for the possibility of having a scholarship.

Matías is in seventh grade. He has received a bursary in Colegio Privado Adonai since he was in kindergarten and considers school his "home". He especially remembers all the bible verses he learned and repeated in Christian Education classes and in these classes he also learned about believing in Christ as his personal Savior. He appreciates the bursary opportunity that God gave him because the family's economic situation would not allow him to study in a private, Christian school. He is thankful for the donations and prayers that made it possible for him to enjoy this Christian formation.

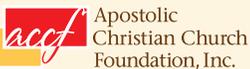
Yeruti is in her last year of school. Her parents are school bus drivers. They both have heart diseases and Yeruti says that it hurts her to see them work so hard for their daily bread. That is why she is so grateful for the bursary because it is way out of their economic hardships. Yeruti says that Colegio Privado Adonai is her home where she lives with her classmates and teachers and has felt God's love

and strength through difficult times. She asks for prayer for her parents' health condition.

Hector is in eighth grade. He lives with his parents. His father is a taxi driver and his mother cannot work because she is caring for her disabled mother. The family's only income is Hector's father's job. Hector is a great, dedicated student. He is aware that this scholarship (bursary) is an excellent opportunity for him to study in a Christian, private school. The Garcia family has mentioned that they thank the Lord DAILY for the help received.

Marcos is in 11th grade. He started coming to school when he was 13 years old. He was living with his older sister who was then, 16. Their parents had to travel to Spain for economic reasons for several years and the children were practically left on their own. After several years of prayer, his parents returned to Paraguay, and now, the whole family attends church and they are all believers. The testimony of the Mendoza family is an example of restoration and a miracle of God through the spiritual assistance of the local church family and your contributions to his scholarship (bursary).

Abel is in eighth grade. He lives with his parents who are struggling with very low income. They are caretakers of a nearby church and just receive a small amount of income for this job. They do other activities for extra income. Abel's mom is very thankful for the scholarship (bursary) and always offers to help with any extra-curricular activity, program or cleaning. We are also blessed to have his family at Colegio Privado Adonai. These families are part of our school community. You and your donations are also part. Thanks for helping out in the education of these students!



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for NEXT YEAR'S PLANS. Don't forget to say a prayer for next year's plans with us.

Cafeteria/Dining area

We are thankfully finishing the Cafeteria area and we already used it for our Mission's Week Fund Raiser since it was raining. There are some touch up things to finish, but we are thankful for the donations for this project.

10th Year Anniversary

In September we will be having our annual school Olympics. We are preparing special activities to celebrate 10 years of Colegio Privado Adonai. This project would have never been possible without your prayers and donations. The Lord has been with us each day, every month and through every trial and victory. We have learned so many lessons, especially trusting and dependence on the Lord. Reflecting back on these past 10 years we want to thank all the short-term ESL teachers, all the work teams, people who volunteered their time, those who donated books, desks, and other financial blessings, and also, everyone who prayed for this project. God is good. He has done some really great things here in Paraguay. He has given so many children hope and love, positive change and support. He has healed hearts and families. Join us in Thanksgiving prayers for this ministry.



Oscar and Karen Caballero

School Activities

We just had a long winter break! Now we are back in school and full of activities. Before winter break we celebrated MISSIONS WEEK. This involves intense investigation projects and prayer for the countries picked for each grade. This year's project was all about Paraguay and its different departments or states. It was a very special time for prayer for our country since we were going through so many political problems at the time. It was a good time to focus and pray for the government, the people, and peace for Paraguay. Friday, July 6th ended our celebration with food fair and different presentations from each grade. All funds raised will be used in the 12th grade community kids' project.

This month we are preparing for ACSI (Association of Christian Schools International) tournaments. Our kids usually bring back trophies in soccer, futsal, handball, or dodge ball. Along with these tournaments, tests, a holiday, Kid's Day (August 16th), and Folklore Day (August 22), we will also be prayerfully preparing

Visiting Colegio Privado Adonai

It was my great privilege, along with my daughter Laurel, to visit Colegio Privado Adonai in Asuncion, Paraguay in July 2012 during their missions week. The mission focus for the entire Pre-K to 12th grade was their national country--Paraguay. Laurel and I served as judges as each grade made a presentation about the history, the economics, the culture, and the major industries of their assigned states. The students had worked hard on displays of fabrics and weavings and clothing and typical Paraguayan foods (the food was delicious!). The junior class gave their presentation in English, which was impressive as well as much appreciated by us!

Both of us were very drawn to the individual students. Their faces, their passion, their hard work, and their personalities reminded us that Colegio Privado Adonai is more than just an outstanding mission endeavor supported by the Apostolic Christian Church. It is the very lives and souls of individuals that God is inviting into His kingdom. To look into the eyes of an earnest student as he or she poured out the results of the education and prayers and love and financial support offered to them touched us deeply and inspired us to a greater participation

in the kingdom work that goes on in this school. If you are not able to visit Paraguay and meet the beautiful people who attend and work at



Colegio Privado Adonai, you can still greatly impact lives by sponsoring a student. Cost is only \$1000 for a quality education and daily immersion in a Christ-centered, life-changing environment. Contact Karen Caballero for more information: karencaba68@gmail.com Also, check Colegio Privado Adonai's Facebook page for more gorgeous pictures.

Elizabeth Bocka



Nepomuceno

We were privileged to visit Nepo, seeing the work firsthand. It was so good to see everyone and visit with them. The boys seem to be doing really well. They were warm and welcoming to us, and we enjoyed every minute we had with them. Life is always changing, and that is especially true of the orphanage. It seems as if some of the boys come and stay for just a short time. The new laws taking effect regarding children's homes in Brazil encourage that brevity. The law says no child should be in an institution more than two years, and, in fact, some of the city officials would prefer that the boys stay less than six months. Just as at CLM, Nepo is changing the way it functions in order to come into compliance with the new laws. We have recently hired a lawyer to help us navigate our way through all the changes.

Please continue to pray for the leadership and all the workers as we walk through the changes. With all these changes and just the regular financial expenses, the orphanage really needs your financial help. Donations have been down, and at times the orphanage has had to borrow to complete certain projects. Please consider supporting the orphanage in prayer and finances on a regular basis. They really need it. We also want to especially thank all of you who have supported the orphanage in the past. The orphanage really could not function without your support.

We want to especially thank Viktoria Fulop and Katy Pavkov for their service for the past six months. They have each been a blessing to the boys and the ministry, and they will be sorely missed. Viktoria is planning on working on a short-term mission in Africa, and Katy is returning home in order to apply for a visa that will enable her to return to Nepo for a longer period of time.

Juarez and Jane Toth



For the past 6 months, I have had the absolute privilege and blessing of being a part of the family at Nepomuceno Boy's Home. There is no way to fully summarize what that experience was like and the impact it had on my life, but I will try to give you a glimpse.

Throughout my time in Brazil, the truth from Ephesians 3:20 that God is able to do immeasurably more than all I can ask or imagine was exemplified in the little and big things. I saw how teenagers who appeared so "tough" at the beginning and seemed as though it would be nearly impossible to make a connection with, were really the sweetest boys. They would easily open up over a game of Trouble, Uno, or soccer as we played for hours on end.

I experienced God's power to do immeasurably more in granting me the ability to understand the language more than I ever thought



possible in such a short time. At the beginning, I remember wondering if I would ever be able to say more than "hi" and "how's it going" to the boys and by the end, I was having conversations with them at the dinner table.

I could describe story after story of how God did immeasurably more than all I thought possible, but perhaps my favorite example of how Ephesians 3:20 was demonstrated during my time in Brazil is in the story of Jaimes. When I first arrived at the orphanage, Jaimes was a 14 year old boy living there who seemed very kind and reserved. Imagine my surprise when a little over two weeks later, we arrived home from church to find that Jaimes and another boy had broken into our home, stolen a good deal of money and items, and had ran away from the orphanage. My prayer when Jaimes left was that he would be safe and could be brought back to the home where we could show him that he was forgiven and still loved by us. Two months later, God answered that prayer when in April, Jaimes was brought back to the orphanage by the police. When Jaimes returned, I prayed that the forgiveness and love he saw from us could be used to help him understand the forgiveness and love that is found in Christ. On the night of May 7, that prayer was also answered. It was on this night that I had the privilege and blessing of witnessing Jaimes and three other boys asked Christ to be their personal Lord and Savior and the power of the God who can do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine became a little more evident to me as well.



God used my time in Brazil to change my perspective on life, to draw me closer to Him, and to show me more of His power, grace, and love. I was stretched and challenged, but blessed beyond measure. Lord-willing, I will be returning to Nepo at the beginning of next year and I'm excited to see how God will work in the process of getting my volunteer visa and what He will do during my next experience in Brazil.

Katy Pavkov

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

Ephesians 3:20-21

When we talk about caring for children, we need to start at the beginning---the very beginning. The first institution God established in His creation was the family. God brought together a man and a woman. We believe that God's best plan is for a child to live in a family with his or her parents---a father and a mother. God's Word gives directions for the husband/wife relationship and the parent/child relationship. When a family follows His instructions, children have the best opportunity to live in a place where they can receive the balance of love and grace that God intended.

Unfortunately, people are sinful. Sometimes fathers abandon their families. Sometimes mothers do, too. Parents can act selfishly, and they go their own ways. Many fathers and mothers value pleasure and convenience more than they value their own children. In extreme cases, children can end up in need of a place to give them shelter in their time of need.

Society has responded to the problem of abused or abandoned children in several ways. Sometimes relatives step in to help. Sometimes orphanages are established either by governments or by churches that are obedient to God's instruction to care for widows and orphans. That is why CLM was established---to provide abused and abandoned children with a place of refuge where they may be brought up in the Lord and know that they will have their needs provided for.

Recently, the Brazilian government has begun an effort that is consistent with the principles above. The government is requiring institutions providing care to children, like CLM, to emphasize placing children into families. When a child is removed from a situation of abuse or neglect and brought to CLM, the first thing that is done is to attempt to improve the home they come from, so they can safely be returned home. If this proves to be impossible, the second avenue is to place them with dependable relatives---grandparents, aunts and uncles, older siblings, etc. If these efforts fail, they then become candidates for adoption or foster care into caring families.

The new government requirements have placed increasing responsibilities on us, but have also given us greater opportunities. Instead of caring for a limited number of children living in the home for many years, we now can help a much larger number of children. We also have the opportunity and responsibility to work with their families

of origin, and also with the families they may be placed with. This past year we have had more adoptions than any year before, and this has brought us to see what an incredible opportunity we have to speak truth into the lives of many of these families. This year was only the beginning. By God's grace, we plan to continue on this course of ministry, focusing not only on children but on their families as well.

As you can imagine, these changes by the government are requiring many changes by us. We are caring for more children, but have fewer of them actually living at our homes. Our staff members need to be able to minister, not only to children, but also to families. Sometimes they must minister to the dysfunctional families the children come from. Other times they are ministering to adoptive families, preparing them for the extra challenges involved with raising children who have been neglected or abused. The Brazilian economy is growing very rapidly and with that comes additional change. Not only do the operational requirements continue to become more exacting, but the cost of operations continues to increase. We now find ourselves at a point where we need to become more organized in the way that we are receiving funding. We need to develop a means of knowing that we will have the money there each month to pay all of our bills on time. When missionaries are sent out, they have to look for dedicated supporters who will commit to supporting them through prayer and giving on a regular basis, so that they will be able stay on the field. In our ministry this is also important, because we have financial needs to be able to continue ministering. We need to be able to honor Christ by paying our workers and our payroll taxes, just like any other employer.

In every change there are usually struggles and trials that need to be worked through, but there are usually benefits as well. One of the benefits in our situation is the possibility of increasing involvement from Brazilians in the future. There are currently 16 Brazilian nationals on our staff either at CLM Entre Rios or in Turvo, working in finances, social work, as caretakers and in many other areas. Please be praying that God will provide even more trained staff, and that Christians in Brazil will be gripped by the desire to provide Biblical care to these children and their families. While our costs have gone up, our children are being better prepared for adoption than ever before, and the results are showing. With more successful adoptions than ever before, and fewer children returned during the first three months,

we believe there is evidence that they are being prepared for living in a family.

In January, many of you gave to help us fund our operating reserve. We appreciate your support. In the following months the reserve fund has been diminishing, and it was finally depleted by the end of June. Without monthly funding, we will not be able to pay our monthly expenses and will have to implement measures to cut costs which either result in less effective performance which is not honoring to God or in reductions in staff.

Our current budget requires \$17,500 per month to fund the care for 30 to 50 neglected or abused children in either of the two CLM homes, and support the families that work here. We believe this is a reasonable cost. Last year in the United States, the poverty line for a family of four was \$23,050, or \$1920.83 per month. We are able to support the equivalent of around twenty families with our budget, as well as minister to the families of our children. As always, the most important thing anyone can do is pray. Could you please ask God to provide dedicated partners who will financially support CLM with monthly gifts. If 350 dedicated partners were willing to each give a gift of \$50 to CLM each month, our operating budget would be met. Will you please prayerfully consider becoming a financial partner with CLM, helping us to honor God in all of our transactions.

No matter how much you are able to give, or not give, we are grateful for any support that is given and thank you for your continued concern for this ministry as we seek to provide hope and a home for neglected and abused children in Southern Brazil.

CLM Team:

Entre Rios: Kevin and Elaine King, Mary Gibson, Bethany Villalba, Miriam Saunder, Fabio and Edit Caldas, Bruno and Vanessa Silva, Jonas and Queyla Silva, Fernando Camargo and Paulo Roberto Junior de Souza.

Turvo: Mike and Mary Cochran, Jake and Amanda Teater, Adriel and Elaine Santos Souza and Daniella da Souza.

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Japan

WORSHIPPING JESUS in the Disaster Area

Fukushima, Japan

The first Gospel Choir Event in Fukushima!! Led by our church Gospel choir leader, and other leaders from our church, these people from Iwaki, Fukushima, are praising God with such JOY! Amazing! It brought tears to all our eyes. We went there (6 bus-loads of Gospel choir members from many churches in Japan) to sing for them and encourage them (which we did), but we found that they encouraged us!

Iwaki is where our church has been volunteering and helping since the earthquake, tsunami, and radiation problem last year. The leader in front is Atsushi, who is from our church. He and other Gospel choir leaders from our church have been going up once a month to practice Gospel songs with the suffering people of Fukushima area (where the radiation problem still exists). They are especially concentrating on inviting those who are living in the temporary housing areas, people who have lost their homes, and many who have also lost their loved ones.

Of all the people you see in the choir, by far the great majority are not Christians! The first time they even heard that God exists was when they started practicing in the Gospel choir a few months ago. They are learning to worship God in the midst of their troubles, even though they don't know Who God is yet. Let's pray that God will save each one of them!

Many people in the temporary housing areas are very depressed, and becoming hermits who don't want to come out of their house to see anyone. It isn't easy to get them to join the choir practice, but those who sing praises to God are beginning to be healed by God's love. The Japanese themselves say that what the people in the disaster areas need most right now is heart care. And we know that introducing them to Jesus is the best way to bring hope to the hopeless.

May God bring revival to Japan, as we continue to worship Him. It still amazes me that nonChristians, who know nothing about God, will pay \$10 each week to praise Jesus because



in the midst of praising Jesus, they can feel such joy! (This fee covers the rent of the city hall.) It's so amazing to me to see the difference God makes in the Japanese, before and after they know Jesus! Let's PRAY for the salvation of ALL these people in the Gospel choirs, in Fukushima and all the new people who are constantly joining the choir in our area too. It's so exciting!!!

Other choirs from Tokyo and other areas of Japan also participated in that big event, on July 16! Just from Tokyo, 6 buses took people to Fukushima.

It was an amazing time to be together with many of our own choir members too, who are still not Christians also, but one-by-one, many have come to know Jesus.

THANK YOU for your prayers for JAPAN!!

Tim and Christine Huber



Foundation Corner

“As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.” Gal. 6:10

The annual meeting will be held April 28, 2012 in Brunswick Hills, Ohio. Make plans to attend!

VISION: The Apostolic Christian Church Foundation serves the needs of our members and churches in North America and around the world, and assists in their efforts to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ.

MISSION: To provide information, programs, financial resources and other services to our churches in North America and missionary projects around the world for the purpose of spreading the gospel of Jesus Christ and the salvation of lost souls.

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