

ACCF NEWSLETTER

News and Events from the Apostolic Christian Church Foundation



Canaan Land Ministries

(Brazil)

Dear Loved Ones,

The past few months have brought about many changes at CLM, so in keeping with the story of salvation through Christ's death and resurrection that allows us to walk in newness of life, we would like to share with you how God is doing a new thing at CLM!

New caregivers and kids

André and Geni returned to CLM on February 16th. Five days later, they received their first kids: Suzana (16) and two new kids, Sandrieli (15) and Andriel (13). The week of March 25th, they received one more new boy, Gabriel (11), younger brother of Sandrieli and Andriel. Please pray for Andre and Geni's continued adjustment to the routine and ministry at CLM and for the rebuilding of relationships.

André & Geni (above), New kids (right)

New caregivers Evanildo and Eliana arrived on Thursday, March 14th and started

working as day-off caregivers within a few days, as Celia left her position on the 15th. Please pray for their adaptation to CLM and that we can provide them all the support they need

in this new ministry they have taken on. For the first time in many months, we have a full team of caregivers, and we are looking forward to the powerful ways the Lord will use the CLM team.

Evanildo and Eliana (above)

New board member

Some time ago, CLM vice-president Nilson resigned from the board of directors, and until now a replacement had not been found.

On March 14th, Pastor Rogério (above), pastor of the local Apostolic Christian Church and former CLM missionary, accepted the position until the end of August, when the term ends for the current board. Please pray for him as

his involvement with CLM increases. He is currently giving devotions to the CLM office staff every Monday morning and focusing on team development.



but has gained weight well during the

first month and is healthy. Gracielly is officially on maternity leave for 4 months, so Leonardo is taking

on some of her responsibilities in the house and both have fewer CLM responsibilities outside the house. Please continue to pray for Leonardo and Gracielly as they learn to be parents, and for all



the challenges they face with CLM children in their home, as well.

New family for Maria Eduarda and lasmin

Caregiver, Thais, relates that Maria Eduarda's first prayer when she arrived at CLM

was that she could be adopted with her sister lasmin. God just answered her prayer for that! On April 13th, Maria Eduarda (15), and her sister lasmin (9), went to live with their



New baby

Leonardo and Gracielly's baby, Maria Claria, was born on March 31st. She was slightly pre-term and very small, new adoptive parents. The next day, they returned to CLM to allow us to have a going away party for them. A local church had come to prepare lunch for all of us, so we took advantage of the moment to have a time of saying our goodbyes and praying for the girls. We will greatly miss Maria Eduarda and lasmin, after about 3½ years at CLM, but rejoice for this new opportunity for them.

New jobs

Maria Eduarda and Vitória (both 15 and pictured below) started working





in the Agraria's youth work-study program in early April. They spent a few weeks in a training course on cooperativism, and Maria was able to be transferred to the Agraria's Guarapuava location when she was adopted. Please pray for them that they will take advantage of the opportunity they have received.

Runaways

Although it comes with the territory, it is never a pleasant discovery to find out that one of the kids has run away. Altair, our psychologist, took Andriel (13) to an appointment in the city on March 10th. When he went to get a cup of water, Andriel took off. He has not yet been found or returned to us. We pray for Andriel's return and for his safety while not here.

Vitoria ran away and returned on her own after a few hours on Sunday, April 14th. She was trying to deal with the fact that Maria Eduarda was being adopted. She struggles with jealousy

and self-centeredness, and has difficulty rejoicing with those who are rejoicing. She managed to go to the going away party, and came back from church, seemingly having resolved the conflict within her.

However, she ran away again on Saturday, the 20th. This time, several people went after her immediately, and she was found less than 1 km away. But, as they were talking with her to try to get her to come back, she threw herself in front of a passing car, leading to multiple breaks in her left arm and a long hospital stay. On

May 1st, she was transferred to a psychiatric clinic where she will receive specialized care for a time to work on the issues that led to her suicide attempt. We are thankful that she seems to understand and accept that she needs this help right now. Please pray for the CLM team and kids as we deal with these very sensitive issues with Vitoria.

Easter celebration

We started our Easter celebration a little bit earlier this year, on the Wednesday night before Easter. A local church came and served a Passover seder, accompanied by a message from God's Word.

Easter morning began with our traditional sunrise service and breakfast of pancakes and sausage. There was free time and a special lunch, and in the evening the kids presented, in church, the same Easter play that they had in the sunrise service – a representation of the first Passover, with the message that Jesus became our Passover lamb.

Marilda returned

Marilda returned to work after her gastric surgery for a few days at the beginning of April, but was soon put on medical leave once again for another two weeks, returning to us at the end of April. She is slowly feeling

better and returning to her normal self. Please pray for her continued recovery.

<u>Visa</u>

Once again this year, CLM president, Anderson Kasnocha, is trying to get his visa to come to the U.S. in July. Please pray that things will go well this time, and if God wills, he can be at Eastern Camp this year.

New fundraising experiences in Brazil

In February, we began a new adventure of more intensively seeking donors within Brazil. Through a new platform linked to the CLM website, Brazilians can give to CLM using a credit card or by printing out a deposit slip they can use at the bank. Our first intensive efforts resulted in a monthly donor base of 20+ donors giving a total of R\$775 (about USD\$200) monthly for the next year. Converted to U.S. dollars, it may not seem like much, but it helps us be sure that monthly budget needs will be met. We continue to depend greatly on the support from North America, both in prayers and giving. May the Lord continue to bless all who are in involved in supporting CLM in these ways.

In Christ,

The CLM Team

Caregivers: Susana & Gerson, Thaís & Cristiano, Leonardo & Gracielly, Andre

& Geni, Evanildo and Eliana

Internal Leadership: Mary, Bethany Tech team: Altair (psychologist),

Luciana (social worker)
Secretary: Marilda
Finances: Raquel

Board of Directors: Anderson Kasnocha, Rogerio, Anderson Lemke,

Juan

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Paraguay

(South America)

Las Garzas: Paraguay Missions

We are thankful to start up the routine of weekly Bible Studies and small groups after summer break. We have several basic Bible studies, and others geared toward leadership-

through prayer and the Word as she is facing a difficult substance addiction in her son, who does not want help, yet.

One family with three little kids, just houses away, has a challenging situation with a grandmother and father unable to work. The strong, mother leaves at 3:00am every morning to work at the local supermarket and bring home as much as she can.

Visits, solidarity,

encouragement through God's Word and prayer are holding us all together.

Plans for a Mother's Day tea party to encourage and spread the Gospel, Family Day (where all of the Sunday school kids join

us in church once a month), our social project Escuela de Vida, and fund raisers for our Church Building Fund, as well as charity projects, keep us working toward goals to reach out to our community and be the hands and feet of Christ.

We are thankful for your prayers, encouragement, and financial support in every way. God is recognized and worshiped in Las Garzas. Thanks for partnering with us. Oscar, Karen and Edson Caballero

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considering our vision, that we are all called to share the gospel and that every household is an extension of the church.

Living in the same neighborhood as the church has been a convenience for visiting, counseling, prayer, and meeting the needs of our neighbors. A young man who lives in front of our house has some special health needs requiring transportation service to the hospital three times a week. Thankfully, several families are working together with us to serve him, and help him get the medical attention he needs. Some nights, when he is in pain, Oscar visits him, prays for him, calms him, and through the process we can see God's healing hand in his life as his faith grows daily. Another woman is being encouraged





Project "Escuela de Vida": Paraguay Missions

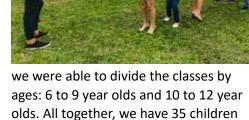
After summer vacation, Escuela de Vida, (School of Life) started again in March. We were so excited to have the kids back and start a new year with them.



This year the Project is hosted at the church's property. The classes are on Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 3pm to 5:30pm and include English, Arts, Literature, Physical Education and Bible classes. We also provide snacks and all the materials the kids use during each class.

With the help of thirteen volunteers (the majority of them are the young people from our church),





participating in the Project.

Each class has one tutor and two helpers. The tutors were challenged to pray about a name and a Bible verse that would represent their class throughout the year, and also bring an identity to the children for which they are responsible. The younger class is named "Overcomers" and their Bible reference is Romans 8:37 (Nay, in all these things we

are more than conquerors through Him that loved us). The older class is called "The Heirs", inspired by the verse found in Romans 8:17 (And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with Him, that we may be also glorified together.)

It is incredible to see how God is working in each individual child, and we believe that the seed that is sown

in every class is going to be fruitful and they will live their lives based on God's principles, which will guide them through the right path.

We are very thankful for all the prayers and financial support. We know that investing in these kids brings not only a natural, but an eternal,



reward. May God continue to bless you and your family.

With love, Hadassa Caballero



...in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him that loved us.

Romans 8:17





(Little Hands)

As Little Hands Orphanage is in another transition phase, we are asking any Apostolic Christian husband and wife team to prayerfully consider becoming a caregiver couple to a small group of our kids! We are looking for a couple willing to commit for one year or longer!

Please contact us if you are interested, at the email listed below!

The Lord bless you and guide each step, and the future ahead!

Praying that Good provides the right people at the perfect time- and that, if the is calling you, you will answer without reluctance.



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ACCF PURPOSES: Evangelization, visitation, service, education and publications, church buildings, representation, committees, and aid.

ACCF 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.



ACCF 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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HOUSEPARENT COUPLE

Good Communicators | Team Players Self-Motivated | Flexible | Empathetic



You and your spouse will be God's loving parental hands to a group of up to 6 children in need. You'll provide for their physical, emotional, and spiritual needs and teach them how to live Christianity in context of family life. This is of inestimable value. You will mostly parent elementary-aged children.

Please pray with your spouse about taking a year or two off to make an eternal difference!



- · At least 21 years old, with valid driver's licenses and passports (if international.)
- · Married at least 1 year.
- · Must respect and esteem each other.
- High school graduates.
- · Must undergo police checks, etc.
- · ACC members with a good testimony.
- · Spanish speaking a huge plus!



2-3 month trial (and training) with existing houseparents before commitment begins.



- You will give these fatherless children the meaningful experience of both a mom and dad. This can literally impact their later life decisions.
- You will experience hard life lessons like never before, and become so much stronger from weathering each storm.

To apply, email: casahogartecate@gmail.com

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You and another female caregiver will nuture and parent up to 6 young children in need. You'll provide for their physical, emotional, and spiritual needs and teach them what it's like to have a Christian mother who prays for and with them, who teaches them "Jesus Loves Me", etc. You will mostly parent babies and preschoolers.

Please pray and see if God is calling you to them!



- . At least 21 years old, with valid driver's license and passport (if international.)
- · High school graduate.
- Must undergo police checks, etc.
- Must be comfortable with infant and toddler care, as well as older children.
- · ACC member with a good testimony
- Spanish speaking a huge plus!

2-3 month trial (and training) with existing baby house staff before your year commitment.



- You will experience hard life lessons like never before, and become so much stronger from weathering each storm.
- · You will look back on this time as a powerful, significant and once-in-a-lifetime experience.

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You will be part of a team of 2-3 female caregivers who will be giving a double blessing: You will bring loving care and a change of pace for up to 6 children in need, as well as providing caregivers with a much-needed "rest and recharge."

Please pray with your friends about taking a "volunteer vacation" to make a HUGE difference!



- · High school graduates.
- · At least 21 years old, with valid driver's licenses and passports (if international.)
- · Must undergo police checks, etc.
- · 1-2 of "aunts" will need to drive kids around.
- 1-2 of the 2-3 "aunts" should be members of the ACC church with a good testimony.
- Spanish speaking a huge plus!



3 day training with staff before your team gives them a break. (Not included in the 1-2 weeks)



- You are able to volunteer with your own close friends, or make new ones!
- You will experience hard life lessons like never before, and become so much stronger from weathering each storm.

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just for thought...

1 Timothy 6:17-19

Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not highminded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy; that they do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to distribute, willing to communicate; laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life.

The bus, pictured above right, transports students and teachers at the Lifesong for Orphans Harmony School, in Zambia. For a bus, it's relatively small. Approximately thirty passengers can be squeezed into its seats. Now, imagine this bus carrying the twenty-six wealthiest individuals in the world. Those twenty-six individuals now possess as much wealth as the lower 50% of the world's population (approximately 3.8 billion people). In 2018, billionaires saw their wealth increase by an average of 12%. The bottom 50% saw their wealth diminish by an average of 11%. James 5 gives a warning to the rich and a call for patience from the oppressed. Those who have visited a foreign mission site can testify to the extreme patience displayed by those living in poverty.

When confronted with the issue of global poverty, the conversation often turns to the amount of foreign aid, given by western governments, or the notion that global economic growth will provide an avenue out of poverty. Both of these assertions carry some truth, but the numbers paint a bleaker picture.

In a 2017 survey, 57% of respondents felt that the U.S. government gave too much in foreign aid. Only 6% of respondents thought that their government should give more.² In 2016, the United States Government spent approximately \$50 billion (1.2% of the total U.S. budget, .18% of U.S. GDP) on foreign aid. Most of this money



never reaches those in extreme poverty. Much of the aid is directed towards military assistance and national security. Only 14% of these funds are allocated towards humanitarian aid.³ This would provide less than \$2.50 for each of the 3 billion people living in poverty.

Global economic growth provides no immediate solution to extreme poverty. In 2017, the bottom 50% received 12% of the global economic growth. The wealthiest 1% received 82% of the global economic growth. At this rate, it will take approximately 120 years for all those living in extreme poverty to rise to the modest standard of living of \$5USD a day. (WIIR Report)

The inadequacy of government aid and the global economic system leaves a huge financial gap. While a few individuals store up the treasures of this earth, Christians are called to stand in the gap. We all must ask ourselves what abilities and gifts God has given to us? How can we use what God has given us to help the less fortunate, the widow, and the orphan? Consider supporting one of the ACC Foundation's sponsored missions or initiatives. Finally, pray for those who hold the majority of the world's financial resources. God has so many ways that they can be used in the service of others. "For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?

Bro. Sam Rufener

¹ World Wealth and Income Database. (2018). *World Income Inequality Report 2018*. Retrieved from https://wir2018.wid.world/files/download/wir2018-full-report-

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² Rasmussen Reports. (2017). *Most See U.S. Foreign Aid as a Bad Deal for America*. Retrieved from http://www.rasmussenreports.com/public_content/politics/general

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How the ACC Foundation came to be...

Written by WHM and ERG on October 10, 1991 (with minor editing)

The Apostolic Christian Church Foundation began as the Apostolic Christian Foundation. Some of the earliest correspondence dates back to June, 1948, when the idea of organizing was suggested by Brothers Henry Michel and John Popp.

Churches without a resident elder were often called upon to pay for elder trips to visit them, when such visits were needed. There were members in congregations who expressed a desire and willingness to contribute to these costs, if such an organization were formed.

There is a memorandum, dated August 24, 1948, to Stanley Ford, Esq., concerning a "Gospel Fund" to be organized. On November 10, 1949, JH Congiver, attorneyat-law in Mansfield, OH, sent a tentative draft of Articles of Incorporation and copies of a suggested Code of Regulations to Brothers Jack Kinkle in Mansfield, OH, for the suggested "Foundation". It was suggested that there be five districts, with a Trustee for each district, and a General Secretary. It was also suggested that the first Trustees be appointed to serve until the first annual meeting.

The first meeting of those appointed Trustees was held on February 28, 1952. The original purposes of the Foundation were very similar, but not exactly the same as the present purposes. A directory and an annual report were published in 1954. According to the report of what had been accomplished since 1952, the only work undertaken was "...to send teaching Brothers to the camps at which most of our boys are stationed... In addition to sending ministering brothers to Army Camps, the Foundation has also provided the means of serving Churches not having resident Elders." Evangelism was also renewed when some of the visits lasted for a week or more, and included special services.

A synopsis of the finances for those early years is as follows: Income for 1952, \$4,964.09. Paid out for 1952, \$2,300.70. Income for 1953, \$2,089.93. Paid out for 1953, \$2,270.65. Income for 1954, \$3,167.83. Paid out for 1954, \$5,305.79. In comparison, the statement for 1990 shows receipts for \$872,246.75 and disbursements of \$889,938.11.

At the end of 1954, there were five districts and ten Trustees. There were 32 Churches in the Unites States and 10 in Canada. In 1960, the number of districts and Trustees remained the same while the number of Churches in the US had increased to 37, and in Canada to 11. It was found that

the way the Apostolic Christian Foundation was organized, with Elders appointing Trustees, prevented IRS recognition as a tax-exempt organization. So the Apostolic Christian Church Foundation was chartered, with the Trustees being elected by the members, after much input from the Churches was considered. The legal work for that change was files on November 13, 1962. In 1964, the districts grew to nine, with a Trustee from each district.

As the years passed, the scope of the Foundation gradually widened. Assistance to foreign mission work by North Americans began in 1960, when the Foundation began to support Brother Melvin and Sister Katherine Huber, in their work in Brazil. In 1961, Brother Jim and Sister Angie Haring and Brother Arnold and Sister Carol Boich joined the Hubers in their work. During the following year, Brother Vic and Sister Elsie Schlatter left for Papua New Guinea for Bible Translation work. Many more have answered the call to foreign fields in the passing years.

From 1960 to 1987, Directories were published semiannually and from 1987 to the present, they are published annually.

In May, 1960, the first issue of the "Newsletter "was published, containing articles on Argentina, Brazil, India and Australia. Various pleas for financial support, and workers in many locations, were published during the ensuing years.

In 1966, a Revolving Building Fund was established to help with building expenses of new churches.

Although an "Aid Fund" had been in existence for several years, in 1975, a Romanian Fund was started and an Eastern European Relief Fund was established in 1983.

In 1987, Sister Rosalie Donais wrote a book, "To Them Gave He Power", about the on-going work in Papua New Guinea. The Foundation underwrote the cost of publishing and the distribution of the work. All proceeds, above expenses, were used to further the work being done in Papua New Guinea.

In 1988, the Domestic Action and Projects Program was established by the Trustees in an attempt to design programs to meet various needs of the North American Churches. A new work was started in Puerto Rico when Brother Bob and Sister Toni Freund moved to the island in 1989.

The current programs of the Foundation are listed in the North American Church Directory

Nepomuceno

(Brazil)

Dear Friends,

The Nepomuceno Children's Home is currently home to 11 boys, ages 6 – 17, and our oldest resident, Miro, a mentally challenged adult who has

of behavior. Please pray for his continued

adaptation and that he will come to know and accept the Father's love for

him.

The directors of the home, Heltton and Katy Brandão, also welcomed a new little addition to their family. Rachel Anne was born on March 22, and has been an absolute blessing. Everyone at the Nepo Children's Home is delighted to have a sweet, little baby to love on and the boys love holding her. We

praise the Lord for a safe delivery and healthy baby, and ask for your prayers as we take on this role of being new parents.

Within the past two months, we have had four caretakers leave, which left us short of staff, once again. We praise the Lord for already providing

a new couple, Daniel and Patricia,

and a single worker, Vera. They began working at the home in April and have begun to build relationships with the boys. Please keep these new workers in your prayers, as they minister to our children and show them the love of God.

Construction

still several bigger projects to be accomplished, including replacing the roof of the main dormitory, updating the sewage system, and implementing safety features to meet the fire code

requirements, along with some smaller

painting projects.



Ezequiel

called this place home for over 30 vears. We recently welcomed Ezeguiel, a 15 year old boy from

Nepomuceno, who was brought to our home in the middle of April. He has been adjusting well and knew Ronan

(one of our 14 year olds) from school, which has helped make his transition easier. From the reports we have received, Ezequiel can be an aggressive child, but so far, we have yet to see this type

We would like to specifically ask for prayer for the boys' hearts and attitudes, a willingness to listen and learn from the workers the Lord has placed in their lives.





Pedro with Rachel

Construction continues around the home. Recently, we finished

apartments. Currently,

transforming the old laundry room into caretakers'



We would like to specifically ask for prayer for:

- The boys' hearts and attitudes, a willingness to listen and learn from the workers the Lord has placed in their lives.
- The workers' relationships- in their marriages, with the boys, with coworkersmay it all be to the glory and honor of God.
- The future of this ministry- may the Lord give unity and wisdom as we make plans for the future.

We are grateful for your faithful prayers and financial support. May God bless you for your support of this ministry!

In Him,

Heltton and Katy Brandão

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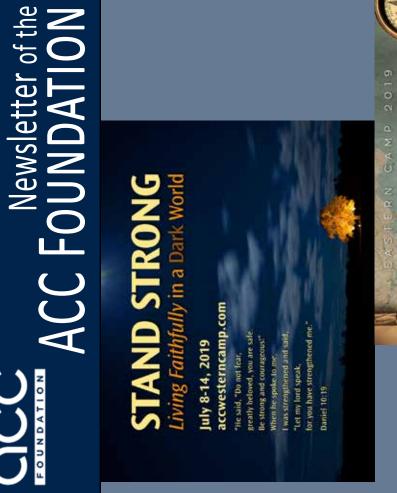


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