

September 2002 Adventures

If we were to use one word to describe September, it would be TEAMS! We opened and closed the month with folks working here from the USA. It has been a nice time to practice our English!

Wesleyan Fellowship from Marietta, GA was here the 1st week of September, and worked in Lambaré. They brought with them a dentist, who was in great demand! We learned to really take care of our teeth, as permanent teeth were being pulled from the mouths of young adults. Filling cavities is not a common cure for tooth aches here in Paraguay. They also had time for VBS for the kids in Lambaré. They brought plastic sunglasses to give to the kids, but had about 20 pairs left over. They asked where they could be used and we said "Santa Rosa"! The day care facility in Santa Rosa is directly behind our church, so we try to take care of those kids too. September 21st was the first day of spring here, so the kids were anxious to be taken to the local botanical gardens so they could wear their sunglasses. They really had fun!



Ed walking the kids out of the neighborhood



Kids showing off their sunglasses at the park

We also spent 1 week this month paving the path (otherwise known as a road) in front of our church in Santa Rosa. The "community" had decided that all property owners needed to pave the area in front of their houses. So far, the church has been the only group to comply with this new order. We used part of our tithe money to pay for materials, but asked the church to provide laborers. We had lots of help from kids through adults!



Street before paving project, just wide enough for our truck



Kids helped by filling and bringing buckets of sand



We now have our own cement mixer!
Only a missionary couple would take pride in
ownership of a cement mixer!



The Construction Crew

This month we also were hosts to a couple of women from Pennsylvania. One woman is a Methodist preacher and came to teach for a week at our Bible Institute. We enjoyed having Connie and her interpreter, Marlene stay with us. The week they were here was after our 1st week of spring, and was the only week of spring this year! It turned to temperatures in the 100s the next week!

We ended the month with another southern group from Fairview UMC in Maryville, TN. Having Southerners around all month we've had sweet tea and southern drawl! This group was back in Lambaré helping with construction of the new school. This school will be the 1st Methodist school for children in grades preschool through 12th. The plans are to eventually have 700 children attending. All the children can attend only with the help of sponsors. The school will open for grades 1st & 2nd in February, 2003. The remainder of the construction is in God's hands.



New Horizons School – Front View



New Horizons School – Back View

A brief note about upcoming news for October. THE FREIGHTER WITH OUR DRILL RIG ARRIVED!!!! News from the port is that the freighter arrived on Thursday, October 3rd. They have not begun unloading, so we don't have an actual siting of the rig, but news is good

*In His Service,
Ed & Linda Baker*