



Agua de Vida

Bringing the Water of Life to Paraguay

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It's hard to believe it's been 5 months since our last newsletter. We think the Southern Hemisphere must have a time warp to make the days and weeks go faster!

TEAMS – We've had several mission work teams since we last wrote. Folks visited us from NC; Belleville, IL; Montgomery, AL; Orangevale, CA; and McClain, VA. Projects included building a new dormitory at the church camp, adding a commercial-type kitchen onto the existing multi-use building at the church camp, and helping with the construction at the first Methodist school for children grades 1-12. This school is named New Horizons Methodist School and is the dream of MSUM missionaries, Mark and Joanna Waltz. What a blessing this addition will be to the Methodist community of Paraguay. Linda's involvement has been in helping with hospitality. Feeding North American teams of 18-25 folks 3 meals a day keeps her busy! Ed helps with handling logistics – driving and going to the hardware store. We both get to help translate during shopping sprees! Busy, but fun!



New Horizons Methodist School

TRAVELING – We were able to take a few days off and visit some of Paraguay. We headed north into the Chaco, then east across the Paraguay River at Concepción. We went to the Brazilian border where we visited a beautiful park named Cerro Corá. We saw the “beautiful” riverboats heading into the northern regions of Paraguay and Brazil – a 2½ day trip. This part of Paraguay

is much different from our area here in Asunción.



Our Ministry

During our trip, we visited the area where we hope to drill our first well, a small settlement called Quinta Linea in the region of Yrybucua. This small village is about 2 hours off the paved road and is a spiritual oasis. The church is a small wooden building harking back to the old US country church of the 1900s. The site for our first well will be on the church property which also has a Methodist School for 75 kids and a small parsonage with an extended family of 12 people. We are looking forward to working with these people and spending time visiting and worshipping with them.



We have also been blessed by being able to help our mobile medical clinic in Colonia Guaraní. We spent a week with the team in this remote area north of Ciudad del Este, near the Brazilian border. Many of the people here only speak Portuguese. Ed helped in the eye clinic and Linda kept everyone fed. We saw 425 patients in only

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4 days. Many of the eye glass patients couldn't read, hence the question "Why do you want glasses?" The answer – to see to pick out the "piques" (little worms) from my feet! Some of these people walked up to 10 miles to get medical attention – attention needed for all forms of ailments!

We slept in tents under a full moon. Sunsets were spectacular as the area was in wide open fields. The Southern Cross was prominent in the sky at night. You could feel as well as see God's presence all around you in Colonia Guaraní.

**AWESOME SUNSETS AT
OUR WORK SITE!**



Spiritual Happenings

Both of us have been stretching our Spanish skills by participating actively in a little church in the barrio of Santa Rosa. This church is in the "slums" of Asuncion, but has the spirit of the Lord within. Ed is on the preaching rotation and is in the pulpit 1-2 times a month. Linda is active teaching an adult Bible study on Thursday nights. This has been a growing experience for us both!



Santa Rosa has a small (really just a shack) wooden house for the assistant pastor. This house needed a lot of work, so Ed began by overseeing the construction of a wall behind the house, rewiring the electrical service and repair of some major roof leaks. The house still has no bathroom or kitchen, but the living conditions have been improved.



We also have had the privilege of attending a Life in the Spirit Seminar. We have seen "slaying in the spirit" and "speaking in tongues" first hand. What an experience provided by Aldersgate Renewal Ministry! The Holy Spirit was alive and active here in Paraguay during June, 2002.

Prayer Requests

- ♥ We ask for your prayers that we will **BOLDLY** proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ at all opportunities.
- ♥ Please pray for calmness as we wait for our drill rig – scheduled to arrive September 13th or 14th.
- ♥ Please pray for the missionary team in Paraguay and for the Evangelical Methodist Community in Paraguay.

Please stay in touch

We continue to update our web site every month or so. There are many more photos on the web site than we can put in the newsletter, so check it out! If you would like to be added to our e-mail notification list, please send us your e-mail address and in the subject line just put "Add to List". We can receive "snail mail" at the Mission Society (address on the bottom of the front page), or it can be sent directly to our house in Paraguay:

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