

August 2002 Adventures

August started and ended with bangs! The first week in August, we traveled again to Yrubucua. This time with a computer! What a surprise for Pastor Luciano and his family! We had 1 extra computer we had brought with us from the US, and we were waiting for Pastor Pablo to decide who would receive this computer. Pastor Luciano was selected. His family of 3 teenagers and his wife were excited to receive the computer. We agreed to pay for computer classes for the family. They have already begun classes and are excited. Pastor Luciano understands that the only way for his children to advance beyond the economical boundaries of Yrubucua is through education. He knows the computer is the key to this advanced education. Cannon should be proud to be a part of this transformation of a generation in poverty!

The second week of August we were visited by a team of 24 from California. This team was headed by Pastor Mike Goodyear, a former MSUM board member. The team was here for 2 full weeks. Nineteen worked with us at the campamento. Four worked with the mobile medical clinic, first in Yrubucua, and then in Luque. We left on Monday 8/12 for the campamento, and worked there through Friday, 8/23. A long time sleeping in bunk beds, getting up early, staying up late, and working with a team. However, what a blessing this team has been! We had asked the team to bring Sunday school supplies for our church in Santa Rosa. They brought TONS of supplies – construction paper, glitter, pencils, pens, notebooks, stickers, video tapes in Spanish, youth Bibles in Spanish, lots of fun things. Our church in Santa Rosa was overwhelmed! Also, one of the team members is a professional carpenter. His specialty is making crosses, on location, from locally available materials. He made a cross for Santa Rosa which is beautiful! Our local congregation has been blessed!

The Sunday that the team was at the campamento, Mike preached in English. This particular community is predominately Guaraní speakers. So, Ed translated into Spanish, and the local pastor translated into Guaraní! A 3-way translation! We had over 125 persons attending worship that Sunday, speaking English, Spanish, and Guaraní. The team also sponsored a Vacation Bible School for 2 days. The local pastor thought we would have about 25 children. Over 100 children attended the Bible school! What a blessing.

Our last week of August was busy with a birthday party at McDonald's for a friend of ours who turned 5. She, her family, and most of her friends had never been in a McDonald's. We reserved Playland for this group, and fun was had by all, including adults in Playland. Wednesday, 8/38, was census day here in Paraguay. The entire country has to stay home (a government mandated day of rest). A census taker comes to your house to obtain census type information. A blessing for us to have a day when we couldn't leave to do other projects!

The month ended on 8/31 with another group arriving, but more of that for September!

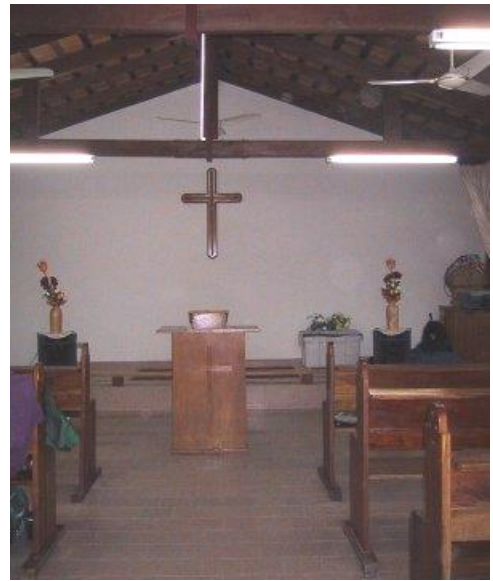
Blessings to all at Cannon –

*In His Service,
Ed & Linda Baker*



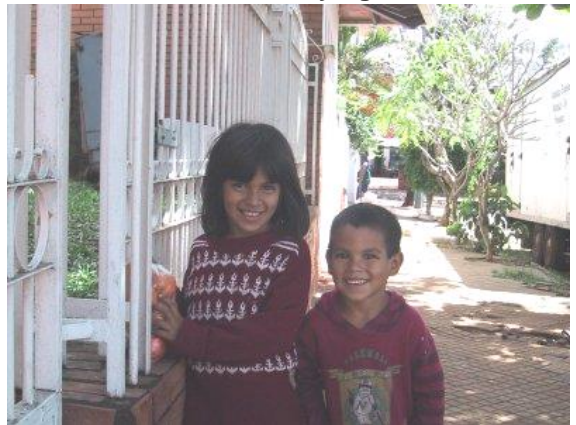
100+ Kids having fun at their 1st VBS

Cross made for Santa Rosa



Scripture read in Spanish
English, Guaraní

**Remember us buying limes for G1,000?
These are our salesmen, Maria & Ariel.
Who could refuse buying from them!**



**Maria's 5th Birthday at
McDonald's. Most of the kids
had never been to McDonald's
before.**