

June 2008 Adventures

We always like to share with you scriptures that come alive here in Paraguay. Recall that we live with streets that are unpaved or paved with uneven stones. Last week, Pastor Juan spoke of living in the New Jerusalem. How wonderful to think about walking on streets paved with gold! "The great street of the city was of pure gold, like transparent glass" (Rev. 21:21b). The people in the congregation were all smiling, what an incredible promise to walk on smooth streets made of gold! Here are photos of our typical roads.



We mentioned in May about the 2nd well we are drilling at the Y'Apy Indian reservation. Unfortunately, we are still at it! We went back to try again, and had another equipment failure. We think God is teaching us patience with this well. We hope to have good news to report in our July newsletter.

We know that prices of everything all over the world are going up. Like most missionaries, we take a double hit. Not only are the prices of food and fuel increasing, but the value of the dollar is falling such that our buying power is decreasing. We were able to buy 7,000 guarani (the local currency) for \$1 US a year or two ago, but now the exchange rate is only 3,950 guarani to the dollar. So, we have an effective 45% pay cut! Please pray for the dollar to at least stabilize or gain value.

We had a mission team from Snellville UMC in Snellville, GA come work with us for a week. Part of the team had VBS at 4 of our interior churches. Others worked on the Agrimissions future director's house.



For those of you who think South America is always hot, we had a few days of heavy frost!

The VBS crew was joined by Angelica Dickson. She has a clown ministry that has been a real success! The team shared ministry with over 375 children during the 4 days of VBS. Considering we had rain & freezing temperatures, that's a lot of kids walking to VBS!



Angelica gets everyone involved, even the pastor's wife is "jumping for joy" at Primera Linea.

The children always enjoy making projects. This year's theme is Jonas and the whale. This little girl is showing off her whale project.



We would like to share some exciting news with each of you. Agua de Vida Ministries is moving to Nicaragua! All the details have not been finalized, but we hope to move between October & December of this year; to be operational in Nicaragua by January or February 2009.

This does not mean that we will be slowing down for the remainder of 2008! We still need to finish the 2nd well at the Y'Apý Indian reservation, and we have 3 other well projects in line. We also have 3 more teams coming to the North District that we will be hosting.

Regarding our support & well project accounts, these will remain the same. We will still be with The Mission Society, doing well projects, and other ministries as the Lord calls us.

We'll be sending out an official broadcast "news announcement" in the next few months that will contain more of the details. Until then, please pray for us during this transition of our ministry.

*In His Service,
Ed & Linda Baker*