



*A Ministry of the
Church of God of
Prophecy*

**“He put a new song in my mouth,
a hymn of praise to our God.
Many will see and fear the Lord
and put their trust in Him.”**

-Psalm 40:3



Visiting the United States of America!

Hello everyone! Well, it's been a full month since the last newsletter and there's lots to tell. First off, on July 13th Stephen and I flew back to the United States for the COGOP International Assembly held in Orlando, FL. We had a wonderful time at the assembly spending time with old friends and making new ones



as well. We were especially excited to spend time with Bishop Benjamin Duncan and his wife Tammy Duncan, who pastor our local church back in

High Point, NC. At the assembly, Stephen and I served at the Missions Encounter as representatives for the Paraguay booth, and the Missions Breakfast by acting as translators for the Spanish-speaking national overseers in attendance. I (Jessica) got to translate for the nation of Panama and Stephen translated for Belize. We had a great time and in no time at all it seemed like the assembly was over! I'd like to give a big shout out to my friend Cindy Chapman who came to pick us up from the airport in Orlando and to Zach and Jill Kelley who gave us a ride from the conference center to the airport/ train station when it was time to leave. You guys were such a blessing to Stephen and I! Thank you so much for all your help!

After the assembly, Stephen hopped a plane to NC while I took a train to GA. Stephen got to NC without



any problems, but unfortunately my train was delayed 3 hours due to weather. Eventually I made it to GA and was able to spend the next two weeks with my mother, grandmother, sister, and brother-in-law. Stephen spent most of his time hanging around his parents' house and playing with his nephews and niece. On July 24th, I (Jessica) attended morning service at CrossPointe Church located in

Fayetteville, NC. This church is a supporter of the Mission 403 ministry, but unfortunately Stephen and I weren't able to visit there before we left for Paraguay back in November 2015. That same evening, I met Stephen in High Point, NC to speak to our local church about what's been happening in Paraguay for the last 9 months. It was a good service and it was so great to see everyone! Before we knew it, 3 weeks had passed and it was time to go back to Paraguay. It was hard to leave family again, but with

tears we said our goodbyes and departed from the Raleigh Airport on Aug. 3rd. After 24 hours of traveling, we finally made it back to our house in Quayquyho to find the town was out of water! Oh well, I guess that's just the life of a missionary! (P.S. the water did come back eventually and we were finally able to take a shower! Thank the Lord for deodorant!)





Sampson's Space

Missionary work from the viewpoint of a pup.

You guys just will not believe what mom and dad did to me this month! They put me in a kennel!!! Can you believe it? They go on a nice vacation back to the United States (A.K.A. the land of air conditioning and delicious food), and they left me at a doggie boarding house in Paraguay! And



they were gone so long too! I thought they'd never come back! I was on the verge of ending it all when finally, I heard mom's voice say my name. Thank the big dog in the sky!

I was so mad at them for leaving me! I'm not some pet who can be left behind on a whim! I'm the Sampson for crying out loud! I was just looking for an opportunity to get back at them, and oh how quickly that chance came. You see, the night after we got home, mom put some sausages in the sink to thaw. She was going to cook them the next day, but while mom and dad were sleeping I snuck out of my bed

for a little midnight snack! I ate all 6 of the sausages! You know the best part? They were cheesy sausages!!! It was a dog's dream and they didn't even know what happened until they got up the next morning! You should have seen mom's face when she discovered what I did!! HAHA! It was classic! She looked and looked everywhere for the sausages until she finally realized they were all gone! I guess that will teach them what happens when you leave such an important member of the family as me behind. I'm a very loving puppy, but even I have my limits.

Thank You to All Our Supporters!

Stephen and I want to thank each and every one of the people who are faithful each month in supporting our ministry. When we were back in the United States, people from all over came to bless and encourage us! Random strangers and people who have known us for years just handed us donations and we are grateful for every cent you give. However, we are still looking to boost our monthly support levels.

Can you help us reach our monthly support level of \$1300? We are looking for people who can commit to giving a small amount to the Mission 403 ministry, anywhere between \$10 and \$50 a month. It's this consistent support that helps us to continue to minister. If you'd like to become a monthly supporter, please go to www.mission403.org/donate to learn more. All donations to Mission 403 are completely tax deductible and every dime you give goes towards spreading the love of Christ in Paraguay. If you ever have any questions about how to donate or want to know more about the Mission 403 ministry, please visit our website or contact us through our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/mission403. God bless.



Evangelistic Campaign in Franco Isla!

On August, 13th, about a week after Stephen and I returned from the United States, we participated in a special service intended as outreach for the rural community of Franco Isla. This small town is located about 2 ½ hours from our home in Quyuquyho, and much of the drive out there is on very rough rural roads. For those of you who like to go off-roading, this trip would be a field day for you. Check out this [YouTube Video](#) of Stephen driving out to Franco Isla one day when it was raining!

Anyway, when we got there the whole town didn't have any water or electricity and with the sun going down we thought we were going to have to have the service in the dark. Luckily though, the electricity did come back on and two light bulbs were put up to give light to the field where the service was held. About 70 people came out for the service, most of them on-foot. Chairs were put up and people sat in a dark field to hear the word of God preached. Stephen and I led worship, but after that we didn't understand much because the message was preached in Guarani, the common tribal language here in Paraguay. I tried to take few pictures of the event, but it was so dark none would come out. As I sat there listening to the message, my mind wondered back to the U.S. How many of us do you think would walk after dark to sit in the middle of a field without hardly any light for church? How comfortable have we become in our lives that we aren't connected anymore with what's going on in other parts of the world? People are hurting and they need God desperately. We must get out of our comfort zones.

Paraguay Fun Fact

What unique beverage is frequently consumed in Paraguay?

Tereré is a type of beverage akin to loose-leaf tea that's regularly consumed in Paraguay. Normally, the tea is put into a cup called a guampa on top of a special straw called a bombilla. Cold water is poured into the cup from a thermos where it absorbs the flavor of the tea. A person then drinks the tereré from the bombilla which has a strainer on the bottom to keep the tea leaves from entering the straw. Drinking tereré is a very social activity in Paraguay. Usually a group of people will sit in a circle and pass one tereré cup around for all to drink. Everyone uses the same straw, but it is considered rude to drink with others if you are sick. Traditionally, the youngest male of the group is the server and people discuss a variety of topics while drinking tereré.



Next Month's Paraguay Fun Fact- What is a traditional dance in Paraguay that requires props you can find in almost any household?

Prayer Requests

Stephen and I always covet your prayers for us and our ministry, but here are a few specifics to throw in too!

1. Please pray for the monthly personal support levels for Mission 403. As of late, funding has dropped below the monthly goal of \$1300, so we need God to speak to people about supporting our ministry.
2. Pray for Stephen and I as we put the finishing touches on our house in Quyuquyho.
3. We will soon start music lessons in Quyuquyho. Pray for success as we expand the ministry.

Mission 403 Ministry Statement

Mission 403, as an affiliate ministry of the Church of God of Prophecy, will seek to save the lost by drawing people to Christ through the power of music. We will instruct students how to play musical instruments for praise and worship using Christian songs as teaching tools. Mission 403 will bring a dynamic music program to the Church of God of Prophecy in Paraguay to spark a revival in our churches and communities.

How Can You Help?

Doors have been opened, but the ministry of Mission 403 cannot continue without your help. Stephen and I are currently looking for dedicated people who can partner alongside of our ministry by supporting us with small monthly donations (\$10- \$50 per month) or with a one-time gift. We need approximately \$1300 per month to fully cover daily living and operating expenses in Paraguay.

There are two ways you can give to help support Mission 403. You can give online via our church, [The Church of God of Prophecy](#). Once on the webpage click on online giving. From here you can set up an account to automatically draft monthly donations from your debit/credit card or you can select quick give for a one-time donation. Be sure to designate your online gift towards Mission 403 Paraguay via the drop down menu. You can also support Mission 403 via the offerings at your local Church of God of Prophecy. If you do not attend a Church of God of Prophecy and you would like to support Mission 403 with financial donations, please set up an account online as described above or you can send your donation to the following address:

**Church of God of Prophecy
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