

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



Mission 403 Monthly Newsletter

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Bailee & Austin

Hello from Paraguay once again! This month, Stephen and I are excited to play hosts for some amazing young people who've chosen to spend their summer (winter here) in Paraguay helping us with our ministry. Bailee Meyer & Austin Poole both



arrived in Paraguay on June 2nd, and even though it's only been a days they've few jumped right to work and are already a big help to Stephen and I. We're all currently staying at the church campground Carapegua because unfortunately the house in Quyquyho is still not finished, but we hope to

be moving in soon. Bailee and Austin are going to help us paint, and we count this as a blessing! Not only do we get to hang out with friends, but we can save money by painting ourselves. This young couple will be staying in Paraguay for six weeks, right up until the time Stephen and I will be traveling back to the U.S. for the 99th Church of God of Prophecy International Assembly in Orlando, FL. Stephen and I will be in the U.S. from July 13th to August 3rd. The first week will be reserved for the assembly with the remaining two weeks left for us to visit family and friends. Please let us know if you'll be at the assembly or in GA or NC, we'd love to spend time with you!

Samaritan's Purse

On June 4th, we had the privilege of serving with the Samaritan's Purse ministry handing out Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes. In the morning, we went to a poor neighborhood in the town of Carapegua. In accordance with Samaritan's Purse rules, we put on



a big event for the children which included interactive songs, a drama skit, and a child-friendly explanation of who Christ is and how much He loves us. In the afternoon, we did the same program for

a small elementary school within walking distance of the campground. In total, over 100 children heard the Gospel message and received a Christmas shoebox. Now I know what you're thinking...this is June right? Well, it takes a while for all those wonderful gifts you collect in December to travel the world and reach their final destinations....and it takes even longer for them to clear customs. But no matter what time of year the shoeboxes arrive, I can assure you that all your efforts are worth it just to see the kids' faces light



up when they open their gifts. So, thank you to everyone who's donated in the past to the Samaritan's Purse

ministry. It was an honor to participate in the Operation Christmas Child program.





Sampson's Space

Missionary work from the viewpoint of a pup.

Happy June everyone! I hope you're enjoying the warm weather because I might need to grow an extra layer of fur down here! Brrr! It's getting to be a bit nippy outside!



Anyway, so I have a couple new human friends who are staying with Mom and Dad for a little while. The pretty one is named Bailee and the guy with the fury face is named Austin. Bailee talks to me like Mom does sometimes and I always like it when she's around. I try to jump up to give her kisses but then Dad is yelling at me to get down and I get in trouble. I just want to show a little love.... there's no need to be so grumpy about it. Austin is cool too. He's not into cuddling as much as Bailee, but he likes to play ball with me sometimes. He's also a little bit of a neat freak so for kicks and giggles I like to

sneak into his room and roll around on his bed when he's not looking. I just think his blankets need to smell a little more like me so he won't get so lonely at night. One time he found me laying on his bed and it made me chuckle to see his face all confused and not knowing what to do. It's nice to have new people around who don't know all my tricks yet. It's getting difficult to think up things to fool Mom and Dad now, but with Bailee & Austin around I'm sure to have lots of fun!

Please Support Mission 403

Mission 403 is a ministry of the Church of God of Prophecy that seeks to further the message of Christ using the power of music. We teach music to empower and enrich others' lives, and we play music to reach the hurting and lost. Recently, Mission 403 has received several donations to purchase musical instruments. We are very excited to receive these donations and will soon be expanding our instrument collection, but unfortunately the donations towards our personal support have fallen below our monthly goal. Personal support means just that-personal. This is the money that Stephen and I need to live while working in Paraguay, but we cannot operate in without your help. We have a monthly goal of \$1300 that is needed to meet our daily living costs in Paraguay. This money goes towards things like putting gas in our car, paying the electric bill, buying groceries, things that allow us to keep ministering.



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.



San Lorenzo Concert: June 17th!!!

The next concert produced by the Mission 403 ministry will be held in San Lorenzo, Paraguay on Friday, June 17th. The event will be held at a local high school that our church has been working with and we are excited to have other musical groups joining us to minister. Along with the Church of God of Prophecy Paraguay National Music Team, a local Christian metal band named Fuerza en Cristo (Strength in Christ) will be performing a set for the concert. Also on the program will be a local Christian hip-hop artist and possibly a drama group performing. A short salvation message will be preached by Paraguay National Overseer, David Orozco, and there will also be a testimony time from a young man named Arnaldo. The concert is scheduled to start at 6pm sharp and we hope many high school students will come and participate as well as the surrounding community. Please keep this event in your prayers; that everything will come together successfully and people would come to know our Lord.

Paraguay Fun Fact

Did you know that the national musical instrument of Paraguay is the Paraguayan Harp? First brought to the area by Jesuit missionaries in the 16th century, the Paraguayan Harp is a local adaptation to this classical instrument. Most Paraguayan Harps are used to play traditional polkas and Guarani-style music. For an example of somone playing the Paraguayan Harp, please check out this YouTube video of a traditional Paraguay music from the Library of Congress. Being a Library of Congress production the actual music begins at the 10:25 mark. Librarians....I know right? © Please enjoy.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mgQtcU4zbZs

Look for next month's Paraguay Fun Fact- What other language besides Spanish is predominately spoken in Paraguay? Do not cheat with Google!

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 the upcoming concert in San Lorenzo on June 17th.
- 3. Pray for Stephen and I as we travel back to the United States July 13th- August 3rd for the 99th COGOP International Assembly.
- 4. Pray for the students of our music school, that God would help them study their instruments and that they would preserver even though learning a new instrument can be difficult at times.
- 5. Pray for the ongoing construction of our house in Quyquyho. Pray that funding will be available to complete the project and that we will soon have our own space to call home again.





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 Global Missions P.O. Box 2910 Cleveland, TN 37320-2910

If you ever write a check to support Mission 403, please make it <u>payable to **Church of God of Prophecy** and write Mission 403 in the memo line</u>. All donations to Mission 403 are fully tax deductible. We thank each and every one of you for all your support and prayers! God bless!







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