



*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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Spring Has Sprung but Winter is Coming!

Hello from Paraguay everyone! Wow! I cannot believe another month has passed! A lot of exciting things are going on with the Mission 403 ministry so let's get down to it! First off, I am trying out a new format for our newsletter...I like a little change every now and then, so please let me know what you think! Second, while the weather in the Unites States is just starting to warm up, things in Paraguay are mercifully



starting to cool down. It's pretty nice right now as I sit outside to type this newsletter, but just a few days ago I could have thought we were in Alaska! The picture above is of Stephen and I at Eli's quinceañera on Friday, April 29th. Eli is one of the young people who lives in the Puerto Seguro Children's Home at Promise Land Camp. In Paraguay, the 15th birthday of a young lady is a very significant event marking her transition into adulthood. With a girl's 15th birthday there is always a big party and everyone always has lots of fun celebrating. At this specific event the temperature outside dropped to unseasonably cold, but everyone showed up to


cheer on the birthday girl anyway! Congratulations Eli! May you have many more years to celebrate!

On April 30th, Stephen and I had the honor to be in charge of the music for the Church of God of Prophecy, Paraguay Southern Region Convention. When the help of several musicians from different churches in the southern region, we were able to put together a great worship program for the entire the convention. I was exhausted by the end of the day, but after the convention concluded the youth from the Campground Church and from the Carapegua Church decided to combine forces and hold one big youth event at the campground. Kyle Miller set up a bonfire and we all roasted chipa, a sort of cornbread type of food, on sticks over the fire. It was delicious and Stephen and I, along with the help of a few friends, led music again for the service. All the youth sang along and requested that we sing lots of different songs. It was a great evening as the fire's warmth halted the night's chill.

The picture below is of Stephen playing guitar sitting beside the fire along with Angel Escobar and his wife Norma. This is a fantastic young couple who are



great friends of ours! They love to minister and have a big heart for people!



Sampson's Space

Missionary work from the viewpoint of a pup.



Usually, I can get a cookie or maybe some other treat out of her even when I'm being a stinker. I guess that's the good thing about being a dog. You can't do any wrong in the eyes of someone who loves you. Mom is a big softy, she knows and I know. However, I don't think I'd pull the same stunt with Dad though. I have to be a little sneakier when it comes to him.

Well hello again everyone! Mom and Dad are busier than ever now with the music ministry and trying to finish our house in Quyuqyho, and unfortunately for them that's left me with lots of time to get into trouble. I mean when you have lots of time to yourself, what's a dog to do but think of fun pranks to pull? Like a couple of nights ago I waited until 4:00am to wake Mom up. I acted like I needed to go to the bathroom, but really I just wanted to see her stumble around half asleep looking for my leash. Ha Ha! It was so funny watching her trying to be mad at me when I just sniffed around a bit and then signaled I was ready to go inside. But really, she can never be angry with me for long. I just look at her with my big puppy dog eyes, wag my little nub tail a time or two, and maybe give her a few kisses and she's over it. She's easy like that you know. She just sighs and tells me what a good boy I am.

Monthly Support for the Mission 403 Ministry!

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 other's lives, and we play music to reach the hurting and lost. We believe that music is a powerful force that can reach people on a soul-level and speak to hearts and minds where mere words have no impact. To the right is a photo of two of our piano students, Sophia and Nicole, both who are residents of the Puerto Seguro Children's Home in Carapegua, Paraguay. These girls love learning to play the piano.

We are continually expanding the ministry but we cannot do it without your help. We have a goal for support set at \$1300 a month. This money goes towards things like putting gas in our car or paying the electric bill, things that allow us to keep ministering. Recently, Mission 403 has been falling short of this goal. 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.



Upcoming Events!

In [April's Newsletter](#), Stephen and I announced the inaugural event for a series of concerts we are planning throughout Paraguay. These concerts are to become a regular part of our music ministry and are intended to:

1. Spread the Salvation Message in a public place.
2. Generate awareness of our church in the community.
3. Give people an opportunity to seek prayer or connect with a church in their local community.
4. Support the ongoing work for new church plants.

The Quayquyho concert in April was a huge success, and many here are gearing up for our next concert which we hope to do in the much larger town of San Lorenzo in June. We are confirming with the location this week as to where we can hold the concert. Please pray for this new campaign, and that many would be blessed through our efforts.

Bailee & Austin are Coming!

In June, Mission 403 is excited to have two young people, Bailee Meyer and Austin Poole, joining us in ministry. They will be in Paraguay for a month and a half, and believe me they'll have their work cut out for them. Bailee and Austin will be doing everything from helping us organize for the San Lorenzo concert, to working in a local education center in Quayquyho, to helping us paint our house! This will be Austin's third visit to Paraguay and Bailee's second. I can't say enough about how proud I am of this young couple who are taking their summer to come to Paraguay and minister. Please pray for them as they depart from the U.S. on June 1st and arrive in Paraguay on June 2nd. Oh yeah, Bailee and Austin! Hurry up and get here already!



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 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, that all the logistics will work out and the event will be successful.
3. Pray for Bailee Meyer and Austin Poole as they travel to help us in ministry for a month and a half.
4. Pray for the students of our music school, that God would help them study their instruments and that they would preserve even though learning a new instrument can be difficult at times.
5. Pray for the ministry of Dan & Gwen Miller, who are our friends and mentors as missionaries.

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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If you ever write a check to support Mission 403, please make it payable to Church of God of Prophecy and write Mission 403 in the memo line. 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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