



*A Ministry of the  
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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**



## Update on Quyquyho House!!!

I can't believe it's October already!!! Where has this year gone? I know we've sure been busy here in Paraguay, and after much anticipation I finally have an update on the never-ending project that is our house in Quyquyho. The walls are now painted a brilliant white both inside and out! But don't worry, the ceiling is the old fashioned wooden planks that's stained a dark brown. To top it all off, the floor is the traditional Spanish-red tile. With the arches, our house is shaping up to be a mini-hacienda even though the inside living space only comes to about 590 sq. feet. That's right! We unknowingly joined the [Tiny House Movement!](#) Don't worry though, it doesn't feel



so small inside because of the vaulted ceilings and big windows we installed. All in all, the house has two bed rooms, one small bathroom, and an open area for the kitchen and living room. We have a spacious front porch and a functional back porch where we have our washing machine and clothes line to do laundry. Also on the back porch there is an outdoor concrete sink which is especially nice to have living in the country like we do. No matter how hard you try to prevent it, dirt always seems to be lurking about, so having that sink out back helps to keep the dirt out rather than in. On the front porch Stephen wisely

requested the contractor build concrete planters into the structure, so now I have flowers of all colors blooming all around me! It's wonderful and I am channeling my inner Ma Shelby (my grandmother who had an extremely green thumb) to keep the flowers alive. They seem to be growing so I'm really excited about planting shrubbery and rose bushes in front of the house this week to give it a completed look. As far as furniture goes, we have finished the kitchen with butcher block counter tops and have purchased a sofa and love seat for the living room. We had a carpenter build open wood shelves for the kitchen instead of having closed cabinets in order to keep the room open and light. Future plans for the house are to fully furnish it starting with our bedroom. We are planning to purchase two night stands and a free standing wardrobe to store our clothes. After that, we want to buy a headboard with built in shelves for our bed just for a little more storage space. In the second bedroom we are going to buy a bunk bed with a third pull-out mattress function so we have space to sleep as many people as possible. Also in the same room we are planning to arrange some sort of small office space so I can have a designated place to write these newsletters! We have such high hopes for our little house in Paraguay, and as God provides the financial means each month, we will slowly put our new home together one lamp and rug at a time!





## Sampson's Space

Missionary work from the viewpoint of a pup.



Happy October to all my doggie pals back in the U.S. This month I've been really busy keeping security tight about our new house in Quyquyho. Although, I think I scared the poor neighbor lady half to death one day when she was taking a bath. You see, the neighbors have an outdoor

bathroom, but mom says it not even really an outhouse. There's no roof to the thing and it only has three walls. It's built along side of the wall that separates our yard from theirs and has a water spigot they use for a shower. Well, one day I was out and about early in the morning, and I heard some noise coming from the other side of the wall. Naturally I jumped up to see what was going on. As I poked my head up, I saw that the noise was just the neighbor lady taking a bath. She sure seemed startled to see me that morning so I started barking just to let her know everything was ok, but I don't think she understood. She yelled at me, but all I really wanted was to lick up

the water droplets off her arm like I do mom and dad sometimes. I know I'm not supposed to, but every now and then I'll sneak into the bathroom while one of them is in the shower just so I can poke my head behind the curtain and lick up the water. From my point of view, I'm just trying to help them dry off quicker, but I guess humans are strange when it comes to them being naked. They sure are a bunch of weirdos!! On a side note though, I may or may not have hurt my back when I was jumping up to look at the neighbor. I was really stiff for a few days, and I thought mom was going to have a heart-attack, but I'm all better now. I guess next time I want to have a shower-time conversation I'll just have to get a step-stool. Hehehe!

## Quyquyho Music School

The music school in Quyquyho, the little village where we built our house, is really starting to take off. We are now doing lessons in Quyquyho every Thursday and Friday, and now we have more students coming than just the girls at the children's home. A couple of weeks ago, Stephen and I bought several plastic chairs so now all the lessons take place right on our own front porch. In fact, we have so many guitar students that in order to efficiently teach lessons we're going to have to buy more instruments. Tomorrow, Stephen and I are planning to take a trip into the capitol city of Asuncion in order to purchase more musical equipment due to a donation made by one of our supporting churches in NC. We were planning to make this trip last week, but it stormed so much that it was impossible to drive on our road. Asuncion is about a 3-hour drive (one-way) from our house so it takes some planning in order to make the trip. Outside of the city, there really isn't a real music store where we can buy quality equipment. I'll be sure to post pictures of the new instruments on our [Facebook](#) page soon.

Next Monday, Stephen and I have been invited to visit the local high school English class in Quyquyho. We're going to talk to the teens about life in the U.S. and hopefully draw some more people into our music school. As the ministry grows, we have faith that God will continue to provide the means for our daily living expenses as well as the extra funds to buy new equipment as needed. If you would like to find out how you can help support Mission 403 please see page 4 of this newsletter or contact me via Mission 403's [Facebook](#) page. As always, we would like to thank those of you who have and continue to support our ministry. Thank you for your faithfulness, and we hope to see some of you soon on one of upcoming mission teams from the U.S. planned for next year.

## All- Night Vigilia (Lock-In) at Anahí!!!



On October 7<sup>th</sup>, Stephen and I were invited to help with the music portion of a vigilia (lock-in) planned at one of our local COGOP churches in the town of Anahí. For those of you who don't know what a lock-in is, it's where youth stay at the church and hold services, play games, etc. all night long! In my younger days, lock-ins weren't such a big deal to me because I could stay up all night and run on little to no sleep. Staying up late used to be a thrill for me, but as I creep closer to 30, I have come to realize that I really like going to bed on-time! It took almost a full week for Stephen and I to recover from another lock-in we attended a few months ago! But we wanted to support the

local church in Anahí, so we packed up all our gear with the goal to leave at least by midnight keeping in mind it would take us 2 ½ hours to get back home once we left. That way, we could be there for the main music service and still get home so we could sleep in our own bed. ☺

Anyway, the main service of the lock-in went really well. The theme for the event was "Spending Time with the Father" with the message preached by Gabriel Lopez, a young pastor and good friend of ours. For once in our lives, Stephen and I were able to leave an event on time and we had four more people hitch a ride with us out of town. We even stopped and got ice cream (for free) from one of the guy's family store on our way out! Woohoo!



## Paraguay Fun Fact



Which religious order first came to Paraguay as missionaries?

It was the Jesuit priests who first came to Paraguay as missionaries in the 16<sup>th</sup> century. Rather than face the harsh encomienda system where by the indigenous became slaves of Spanish hacienda owners, many Guarani natives chose to convert to Christianity and come under the protection of the Jesuit priests. Today, the ruins of these missions are some of the biggest historical sites for tourists to visit in Paraguay. To learn more about the significance of the Jesuits and their impact on Paraguay please check out this great [website](#) on traveling in Paraguay.

Next Month's Paraguay Fun Fact- What vehicle is considered the most common means of transport in Paraguay?

## 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 as Stephen and I once again attempt to complete our immigration documents. It's been a struggle.
2. Pray for Stephen and I as we reach out into the Quayquyho community and 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:

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