

*Queremos Tu
Gloria*



A Ministry of the Church of
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SPREADING GOD'S LOVE IN PARAGUAY WITH THE POWER OF MUSIC

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Summer Youth Camp 2016!!

In the month of January, Stephen and I participated in our first national event for our church here in Paraguay-summer youth camp! Now for those of you who might be a little confused let me explain. Paraguay sits south of the equator so its seasons are the opposite from the United States. So when it's winter time in the U.S. it's summer in Paraguay. That's right! January and February are the hottest months of the year! And when I say hot, I mean hot! But I digress, back to youth camp!

The slogan for this year's camp was "Queremos Tu Gloria" which translates to "We Want Your Glory." Stephen and I were invited to participate in the national music team for Paraguay which was responsible for all the music being done at the camp. So, every Sunday afternoon for about a month before the camp began, Stephen and I would drive about an hour and a half to attend practice to prepare. We practiced, prayed, and fasted for everyone who would participate in the camp, and God did not disappoint. God showed up in a mighty way and I believe many young

people had a life changing experience! The days were long and after camp was finished I felt like taking a nap for 1000 years, but despite all the long hours and hard work, Stephen and I had a blast! We are very much looking forward to next year's camp and everything to come.

Another special treat for youth camp was we had two very special visitors from the international offices of the Church of God of Prophecy attending-general presbyter of South America, Bishop Gabriel Vidal and international youth director, Kirk Rising. Bishop Vidal has visited Paraguay several times, but this was the first time in country for Kirk Rising. Both taught dynamic classes and preached sermons for the camp. Stephen and I were very happy to meet Bishop Vidal because he was the one who ultimately signed off for us to be recognized missionaries by the church in Paraguay. We are very grateful to him for giving us a chance to do the work we love so much! Thank you Bishop Vidal and national overseer of Paraguay David Orozco for believing in us!



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Happy Birthday Stephen!!

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We Our Sponsors!!

February is a month to share the love! To celebrate, Mission 403 would like to thank each and every one of our sponsors who faithfully give to our ministry! We could not do this work in Paraguay without your help and we want you to know just how loved you are!

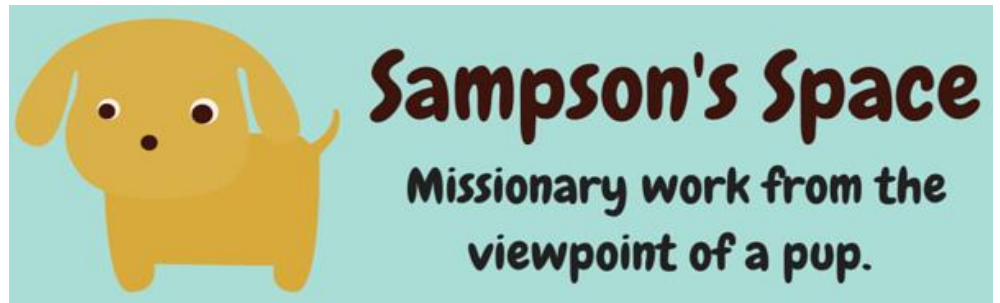
Every day, Stephen and I interact with people young and old who would not have the opportunity to learn about music due to the cost of lessons. To the right is a picture of one of our beautiful students named Nahair. She travels 30 minutes by car to attend lessons and each week you can tell she has practiced very hard in preparation to learn more. She loves playing the guitar and is progressing well in her lessons. Music and learning to play is bringing joy to Nahair's life and given a little more time, she will be sure to use her new talent in her local church's worship team. If you would like to find out how you can support Mission 403 and reach people like Nahair, please visit our website at www.Mission403.org.



Nahair is a guitar student of Mission 403. She loves learning to play and practices hard for each lesson.



Sampson is a 5 year-old German Shepard mix living in Paraguay with his missionary parents. Don't let that face fool you! He's a sneaky little devil!



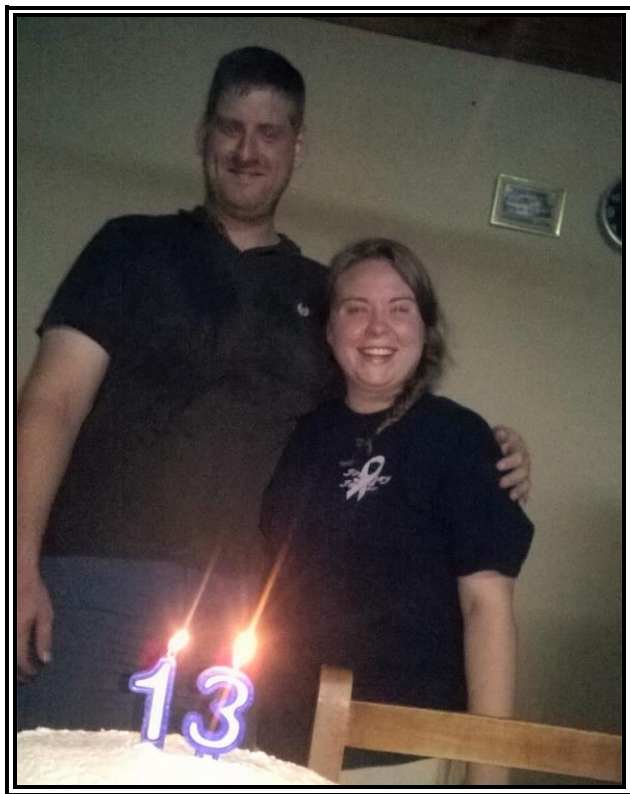
I had so much fun at youth camp guys! Mom walked me around a lot and I got to make friends with all the teens attending the camp! Sometimes they would just let me hang out with them

while mom and dad were doing something with the music. We would sit by the pond in the shade and everyone would pet me! It was a dream! I even got to be a mascot for one of the teams in the camp! One of their challenges was they had to have someone kiss a pet and take a photo of it! Let's just say, kissing is one of my favorite things to do! Go team green!

OK, so since we've been living in Paraguay I've not been the best dog in the world. I admit it...I'm a stinker, but sometimes I just can't help myself. When we first moved here, mom and dad let me run around free. We're out in the country so there are no cars or anything and they always kept an eye out for me. But one time I managed to sneak off undetected through the open gate and mom went nuts! You'd have thought I committed murder or something! Now she always has me on that leash! I never get a moments peace even when I'm trying to use the bathroom! A guy needs his space! So, I've invented this new game of every time there is an open door I dash through it and laugh as people chase me around! Mom says that I won't have to be on the leash all on the time for long though. Our new house in Quyyuho will have a fence all the way around the property! Great! Now I have to figure out a way to tunnel out a fence! Maybe I should watch that show Prison Break for ideas?



Happy Birthday Stephen!!!!



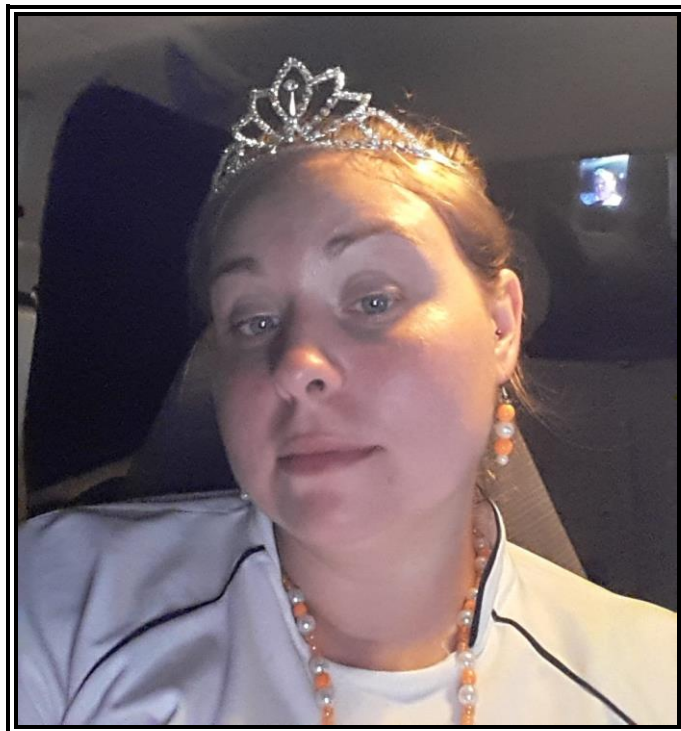
This year Stephen celebrated his 31st birthday in Paraguay! We had a huge BBQ with grilled pork and cheesy sausages and I managed to make two huge strawberry cakes to feed everyone at the party. When we counted I think we had 26 people in total at the meal including the children from the children's home. I guess when it came time to sing Stephen didn't want to admit that he is now 31 years old so he switched the candles around to say 13 instead. The youngest daughter of Bishop David Orozco, national overseer of Paraguay was in attendance that night. After we sang she came up to Stephen and told him that he was really big for only 13 years old! Everyone enjoyed the food and cake and afterwards we all sat outside and sang while Stephen and Bishop Orozco played guitars. I think we stayed outside close to midnight and finally closed all the celebrations because the kids needed to go to bed. It was a great night!



Feliz Cumpleaños!

Ladies' Retreat!

Around Valentine's Day, the Church of God of Prophecy in Paraguay held a ladies retreat at the campground where Stephen and I live. Of course I was always planning to attend the camp, but we also were asked to help with the music again like we did for youth camp. Stephen was a little hesitant to play at ladies' retreat. "I'm not a lady!" he kept saying, but in the end he relented and came to the camp to play piano for us. I had a great time in the classes and getting to know some of the other women in the church here. But I was really surprised the night it came to elect a "Queen of the Camp" and I was nominated! I had to sing, dance, parade around all in 100-degree heat with my hair in a bun and no makeup on (it melted off). And let me just tell you that it is impossible to look good in that kind of heat—especially if there is no air conditioning. (There wasn't.) So here I am in this competition that is entirely in Spanish and I don't really know what we are supposed to be doing. And low and behold I won! That's right! I am the official Queen of Ladies Retreat 2016! Long shall I reign and the people will love me!



Long live the
Queen

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 dream of Mission 403 cannot become a reality 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. It is estimated that we will need approximately \$1300 per month to fully cover daily living and operating expenses while in Paraguay.

There are two ways you can give to help support us and Mission 403. You can give online via our church (The Church of God of Prophecy) at www.cogop.org. 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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