

The Gularts in Paraguay

Our first four-year term serving in Paraguay is coming to an end, and we are getting ready to go back to the USA to visit our friends and churches. We are excited to spend time with you and give thanks to our faithful supporters by showing what God is doing in the heart of South America. Praise the Lord for His mercy which allows us to serve Him and be a part of His work.

Romans 8:18—“For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.”

A Roller Coaster of Emotions: the most difficult year of our lives.

Last year, on June 13, our baby boy Etienne was born. We were extremely happy and rejoiced in the Lord for this new life. However, a month later, while we were still adjusting to a new member in the family, we received a call from Uruguay saying that Alex’s father (Daniel) was in ICU in a local hospital with little chance of surviving. It was a very difficult time for us because of the great relationship we have with him. Alex went to Uruguay for two weeks to help his family go through that time. After three weeks in a coma Alex’s father woke up and began the process of recovery. We are thankful to the Lord he is doing well now.

In October 2018, another difficult time came, the most difficult moment of our lives. Alex was driving back to Ciudad del Este from a Bible study four hours south in the city of Encarnación when he hit a motorcyclist who was driving without any lights. Sadly, the motorcyclist died at 3:00 a.m. the next morning. The accident occurred on



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a highway in the middle of the countryside, where it was very dark. Not only did the motorcycle have no lights, but the driver was also not wearing a reflective vest or a helmet. Alex called 911 and stayed there to help. Because of the death of the person, Alex spent the entire night at the police station and the whole next day in jail. Two weeks under house arrest followed, and then he couldn’t go out of the country for months. This has been an incredibly difficult time. Since the accident Alex has been meeting with a lawyer, spending a lot of money, and treated as a criminal by the corrupt legal system in the country. Even today, 10 months after the accident, we haven’t gotten our van back.

In the past months we moved to a different apartment, our church moved twice to different locations, my parents and my brother with his family moved to Paraguay, and we had changes in our missionary team. As you can imagine, it wasn’t an easy time, but through these circumstances we are learning to trust in God and to be satisfied in Christ despite the circumstances. In other words, we are still learning that His grace is sufficient (2 Corinthians 12:8,9).

Great is Thy Faithfulness

A little over two years ago we moved the Bible Study at our house to a rented place where our church officially was born. With the other missionary family (Bomers), we bought some chairs, a guitar and a percussion box; we made a Facebook page and we opened the doors to our community hoping that at least somebody will come.

Today, we have a community of believers with an identity. We have moved twice already because of the lack of space, and we have a solid worship team with different voices and instruments, women and men's Bible Studies, marriage counseling, and personal counseling. We are training future leaders, and another missionary family. We don't have enough space in this letter to emphasize that it's not about us—it's all about God's grace. It is not about our missionary team, our gifts, our personalities, our efforts, our ideas, or how capable we are. It's not about our faith. It's about the mercy of our Lord.



A church service in Ciudad del Este

A Huge Step in the Ministry of Paraguay

In July 2019 we absorbed and merged with another church. We had been talking with their pastor about this possibility, about our doctrine (which He is in agreement with), and about buying the property where they meet which belongs to an American missionary.

Merging with this church is giving us another pastor who is well trained and has a lot of ministry experience. With him and his wife we can have more ministries, along with more space to do them since the property is quite big. This is a huge step and we need your support and prayers!



Another picture above of a church service in Paraguay

Please help us pray for:

- ◆ Our young people who are taking steps to becoming missionaries or local leaders.
- ◆ Alex's legal situation—that the case will be dismissed.
- ◆ Our time in the USA visiting churches and friends.
- ◆ God to provide property for the ministry in Paraguay

Thank you so much for your support and prayers!

Alex, Deltha, Ainhoa, Bastian, and Etienne!



First Sunday service after we absorbed and then merged with another church