

# The Gularts Serving in Paraguay

Hello, dear friends! We are in the middle of our home assignment visiting some great churches and friends in the USA! It's incredible how loving and friendly the churches are here. We also want to praise the Lord for His protection while we have driven thousands of miles.

## ***Our goal is to plant healthy churches!***

What is a healthy church? It is a community of believers with passion for Christ and compassion for people—a church that wants to know Christ and make Him known. In other words, it is not just a church that preaches the Word of God faithfully—it is a family who wants others to be part of it. We want to plant churches with a missionary heart, so they can continue planting churches and sending missionaries to the nations.

***“Praise the Lord all you nations! Exalt Him, all you peoples! For great is His gracious love toward us, and the Lord’s faithfulness is eternal” Psalm 117:1,2.***

## ***How are we doing it?***

We are sharing the gospel with every person at every opportunity, mentoring the ones who put their faith in Christ, providing theological training for future leaders and missionaries, delegating our ministries to trained leaders, and sending the ones who are willing to serve transculturally.

## ***How can we share what God is doing in a way that we don't steal the glory of Christ?***

We praise the Lord for His amazing work in Paraguay! Less than 3 years ago, “Iglesia Bíblica Gracia” opened



*The Gulart Family*

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*Grace Bible Church*

its doors. With our missionary team, we had more questions, fears, and doubts than expectations, but God never stopped surprising us. People started coming and little by little we continued growing to the point of changing locations two times. At the moment, we have a community of around 100 believers, with at least 10 nationalities represented (Paraguay, Brazil, Argentina, Uruguay, Venezuela, Mexico, Cuba, United States, Germany, and the Philippines), a full-time pastor, a worship team, and at least three men preaching (not counting the missionaries). We rejoice in the fact that we can be outside of the country for several months on home assignment and the whole ministry can continue functioning without problems. Of course, this is possible because we have a wonderful team working hard in Paraguay (Bomers and Hodgsons) but also because God has provided local people to help lead the church.

## ***Future missionaries!***

Just before coming to the USA, Alex had the privilege of preaching at the wedding of Gloria and Brian (she is from Brazil and he is from Argentina). They are part of our church—she is serving with the kids and Brian is our worship leader. They have a desire to serve the Lord overseas. Another “international couple” is Natanael and Abia—he is from Argentina and she is German/Brazilian. They are going to get married soon, God willing. They also want to be missionaries and they are very involved in our church. Misael is a married man who is sharing the preaching with Pastor Juan Carlos and Natanael. Another example is Laura—she is a Paraguayan who studied for two university careers and now wants



*Alex preaching in a wedding in Brazil*



*The front of the church*



*Alex preaching in Mexico*

to study theology so she can be better prepared for a ministry in missions. There are other young people who are attending the church and want to be missionaries in the future or want to get involve in ministry—please pray for them that God would bless and guide them!

***We have a dream (well...a lot of dreams)!***

The church has been in three locations already, and we need our own property so we can continue working on our identity as a community—we need a place to belong. We need property that can be used not just as a church but also as the base of the ministry in Paraguay. Another dream we have which comes alongside having our own property is a Theological Training Center. As we mentioned before, we have a good number of people who want to study theology so they can better serve in the church or overseas. A theological seminary is a priority

since there isn't one in our region. The closest one is six hours away in the capital of the country. This place will be a blessing not just for our churches but for other denominations as well. Because of the strategic location of our city, a theological seminary will be a blessing for other countries in the region. There is a huge possibility of buying the property that we are using right now. It has a wonderful location, is big enough, and has the possibility of expansion, but again, please pray for God's provision and for God's guidance.

Our team is already teaching some theology lessons and we want this to be the beginning of the Theological Training Center. We also want to plant more churches, not just in Ciudad del Este, but in different cities. A huge blessing for the ministry in Paraguay is that our team is getting bigger. A very cool family will come to serve alongside our team; they are the

Menors from Brazil. We know them well and we are so happy they will be joining us.

***Please pray for our ministry as a family!***

- For our time in the USA visiting churches, especially for God's provision for our monthly support.
- For the church and ministry in Paraguay, especially when we are not there.
- For Deltha who is trying to keep up with homeschooling while we travel.
- For God's protection on the roads—we will be traveling thousands of miles throughout this country.
- That God would use us while we visit churches—we want to be a blessing to all the congregations.

With love,  
Alex, Deltha, Ainhoa, Bastian and Etienne



*Pastor Juan Carlos, Natanael, and Cleiton Menor*



*The worship team at church*



*Misael preaching*