

The Hodgsons' Update

Missionary life in Paraguay

Cory, Kim, Naomi, Elijah, and Timothy

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Dear Friends and Family,

It is hard to believe we have lived in Paraguay for over one year already. The time has gone very quickly! It is springtime here, and the temperatures are already reaching triple digits. There is a lot to share about our lives and ministries, so here we go!

Last night, I (Cory) taught for the first time in Spanish. Previously, I had used a translator, but I felt it was time to utilize the Spanish I have learned in a relevant and meaningful way. I taught on the holiness of God, and it went well. I still have a lot of improvements to make in my grammar, vocabulary, and sentence structure, but it is nice to have this milestone behind me. Thanks be to God for different languages and for His help in learning them!



The front of the new church



Cory teaching the English Bible study

Next week, we will begin a theology class utilizing Spanish Bible lessons. These lessons are very instructive and help the learner with the basics of Christianity, evangelism, and understanding the structure of God's word. We look forward to interacting with the students, please pray for us as it will be completely in Spanish!

Our English Bible study is still going strong. We meet every Saturday

evening, and we are one lesson away from finishing an excellent book called *Understanding Your Bible* by Craig MacDonald. This has given us the opportunity to cover a lot of important theological topics and discuss the basics of dispensational theology. Before this book, we went through the book of Ephesians. It has been a true blessing to fellowship in English with a delightful group of believers.

Thank you so much
for your prayers
and support!

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Cory and Kim at the Three Borders



Elijah learning to play the guitar



Cory at a men's Bible study

In July, our church absorbed a smaller church and we have been meeting on their premises since then. It is a great property with a lot of space, and room for meetings, classes, and worship. It has been a blessing to have more new people in our congregation, and so far, everything has gone very smoothly. Please pray that we can raise the needed funds to purchase this property with its buildings as a headquarters for our ministry in Paraguay.

The kids are wrapping up their first full year of school. It has been a lot of work for them to adjust to a Spanish-speaking school, but we are very proud of their efforts and perseverance. We have seen them grow in the last eight months, please pray for their continuing efforts to learn Spanish as they seek greater levels of fluency. They have their final exams in November, so please pray for their nerves and for guidance in studying the correct materials.



We have been blessed to have some guests in the past several months, with more coming. This is very exciting for us. We are thankful that we can show people our lives and work in Paraguay.

Here are some prayer requests:

- We have been dealing with a lot of illness, especially with Naomi. Please pray for our bodies as we adjust to the different germs and viruses.
- For the kids' Spanish learning.
- For Cory and Kim's Spanish learning.
- For good time management with ministry, family life, and visitors.

In His service,
Cory, Kim, Naomi, Elijah, and Timothy Hodgson



Kim's dad at the local shawarma stand