



A Season in Paraguay

The Missions Ministry of Donald and Carol Paige

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Language School

We are now in our 3rd Trimester of Language School here in Costa Rica. We are amazed with the amount of Spanish we have learned in the past 8 months. Donald is still surprised when he realizes he knows how to communicate an idea in Spanish. Carol is too!

We had 3 weeks off for Christmas and New Year's. Carol's mother visited for part of that time. We rented a car for a week and got to see much that this beautiful country has to offer. Driving here was a different experience, but it was definitely liberating to not have to walk or take the bus everywhere.

We started classes again this week. Both of us are taking 2 hours of conversation and 2 hours of grammar every day.

Ministry Opportunities

As we look out our front door onto the surrounding hills, we can see a large cross on one of them in the distance. This serves as a constant reminder of why we are here. In addition to studying Spanish we have had various opportunities for ministry. Carol brought back her trumpet in September and began playing with "el Grupo de Alabanza"

(Praise Band) in the church we have been attending. She also attended a weekend retreat with the group. She is amazed how God has been working both through her playing and the relationships she has formed with the group members.

Donald went on a short mission trip in October to a nearby village in order to help run a vacation Bible school. He will go again in March to do a construction project. Donald also helped run a Christmas party that the school had for children from a nearby orphanage.

Every 90 days we need to leave the country for at least 72 hours in order to renew our tourist visas. In December we went to Nicaragua by bus. We stayed with a missionary while there and helped him prepare a camp for the arrival of some short-term teams.

Both of us also have the daily opportunity to share Christ (in Spanish!) with our neighbors and people in the community. It could be a guard that we see everyday on our walk from school, a taxi driver or our landlord. We never know who God will put in our path.

More details and pictures of our experiences can be found in the **Journal** section of our website:

www.missionaryhome.org/paige

Cora's Corner



When we first came to Costa Rica, Cora was only 18 months old. She is now an active and vivacious 2-year-old. Her Spanish is coming along as rapidly as her English. It helps that she hears Spanish 4 hours every day in school. She loves her teachers and friends, and they love her. Actually, everywhere we go Cora does not miss an opportunity to say “hola,” to a passerby. She has a tendency to be a bit strong-willed, but is also very sweet and charming. She loves to praise the Lord (without ceasing) through prayer and song. Hardly a moment goes by without the house being filled with her voice.

A Special Thank You: to the office staff of New Town UMC for helping with the printing and mailing of this newsletter.

Celebration of God's Plan

It has been an amazing blessing to have a year here in Costa Rica. God has done some awesome things in our lives, and we have definitely become more dependent on Him. This has been a time of being molded and shaped by the Master Potter, preparing us to be better servants in Paraguay.

We will be leaving here April 25th, and will be in Virginia for about a month before heading down to Paraguay. Please continue to support us through your prayers and finances. None of this could be possible without your love and support!

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Send to:
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P.O. Box 922637
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“There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven.”
Ecclesiastes 3:1





The Paige's Prayer Page

Praises

- We praise God every day for the blessing He has given us through Cora.
- We are thankful for the way God is working in the lives of our family and friends.
- We thank God for the opportunity to expand our friendships and share His word with people across the continents.
- We praise God for giving us the opportunities to share Him with people in Costa Rica

Prayer Requests

- Pray for cohesiveness in our marriage in all things.
- Pray that our monthly support will be totally covered by pledges by the time we leave for Paraguay.
- Pray for wisdom in discerning God's will for our lives.
- Pray for Cora's continued good health and development.
- Pray for our language acquisition.
- Pray for our spiritual and physical safety.
- Pray for the people and the ministries of Paraguay.

Our ministry is not only for the people of Paraguay, but for our partners as well. We are truly blessed by your prayers and financial support, and would like to share in your joys and concerns. Please write or email us.

You can visit our website for up to date information and prayer requests. It is www.missionaryhome.org/paige.

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