



We hope and trust that our family and friends had a wonderful Christmas. The Sherrys have a deep, heart felt, gratitude to the Lord for the many blessings He has bestowed upon us this past year.

I had the wonderful opportunity and great privilege of traveling to Paraguay last summer. I spent one week in the city of Ciudad del Este visiting an ABWE missionary, Pastor Juan Carlos Escobar. God has blessed Pastor Juan Carlos with an incredible ministry and has worked miraculously through him and others in the church. They have started a church, a Bible Institute, and a Christian school. They will be starting a seminary sometime very soon. A few months ago someone donated a house with several acres of land to be used as a seminary. The property has ponds that will be stocked with fish that the seminary will sell to help cover the costs of tuition and other expenses of running a seminary. Their pre-school, Hope Christian School, currently has about forty students ages 3 to 5. This is a very “modernized” school that is unlike any other in the city. The goal of the school is to expand into higher grade levels. Many parents have been reached through this ministry. They are also hoping to start a much needed Christian hospital sometime in the near future.



Carlos

Pastor Juan Carlos, myself and two other pastors traveled to Asuncion which is the capital city of Paraguay. During my stay in Asuncion I was able to speak to over 100 youth kids and preached in a Sunday morning service. The church in Asuncion was very loving. One of the pastors, Benjamin Berrgiro, hugged me and said, “I will be waiting for your return!” After preaching in Asuncion we left to go back to Ciudad del Este. We arrived in Ciudad del Este that afternoon and I had the opportunity to preach again that evening. I also taught three three-hour classes in their Bible Institute which was also at the church in Ciudad del Este. Several people attended the classes and interacted with me very well. The translator I had was a brilliant young man named Carlos who speaks five languages!



**Me & Pastor Juan Carlos
at an anthill.**

Just before I arrived in Paraguay Adelphos mission agency, based in Chile, organized and implemented a mission’s training camp. After three days of training, near

Ciudad del Este, the students were sent out in three groups. One group went North of Ciudad del Este, another went South and the third stayed in Ciudad del Este. Over 250 people came to Christ in three days. During the training the instructors warned of witches who will scream and yell if confronted with the Gospel. Jose, the young man I stayed with has a brother named Luis. Luis had recently been involved in blatant Satanism.



Mission Team

Fortunately, I was able to give Luis a Spanish New Testament the day I left. He gladly accepted it and told me he would read it. I have been praying for him to come to Christ.

Many people in Paraguay are like Luis. They are confused spiritually and have no hope at all. Over half of the population of Paraguay is under the age of 25. Many people in the church come from abusive homes and are often persecuted for attending.

The Lord is definitely moving in the hearts of the Paraguayans; however, there is much work to be done. Pastor Juan Carlos said that he cannot keep up with the Lord's blessings! We would like very much to send several people from Family Baptist Fellowship to Paraguay next summer. There are several things we could do that would help this ministry. Some of these include: help build a second story addition on the current church building, work in a medical clinic, and or Christian hospital, do various types of work for the seminary, teach in the Bible Institute, be involved in a missions training camp and lead youth and children's activities.

Going to Paraguay was one of the most glorious blessings I have ever experienced. Words cannot describe the way God blessed me and changed me while I was in Paraguay. Pastor



Happy Paraguayan children

Juan Carlos has expressed a sincere desire for Toni and I to serve with him, in Paraguay, for an extended period of time. Our desire, at this point, is to go to Paraguay for at least two weeks next summer with Joseph and Rebekah and seek out God's direction concerning this ministry opportunity. We need to raise about \$10,000 for the four of us to go. In the next several months we will be having fund raising projects. We have already had a garage sale, car wash and sold frozen explosions (smoothie drink). Please remember we also need you to pray for us!



Church fellowship hall

We hope you have had a great Christmas and may God bless you in the year to come!

Prayer requests: Rick to be called into work as a substitute teacher,
Toni will not lose her job – not get laid off,
Ministry at Family Baptist Fellowship,
Raise money for the Sherry's missions trip to Paraguay next summer.

Serving Christ:

Pastor Rick Sherry

If you would like to support the **Sherry's ministry at Family Baptist Fellowship** you can make support checks payable to **Northwest Baptist Home Mission** and mail it to NBHM, Box 477, Burbank, WA. 99323.

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