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Familia Feliz

“Go ye therefore into all the world...”



Out of the mouth of babes...

Sometimes we never know what our kids are going to say next. We hope you enjoy these “comments” as much as we have.

When asked what the first and last books of the Bibles were, Rodrigo (7-year old) quickly answered, “The Bible and the Hymnal!”

When asked who wrote the book of Genesis, Rodrigo once again exclaimed, “Teacher, I can’t believe you don’t know that! It was Teacher Jonatan of course!”

The Lord continues to bless us and work in our behalf here at Familia Feliz. His Goodness and Mercy never cease to amaze us and it is with the intent of thanking and praising Him for these blessings that we share this newsletter with you. We pray that God blesses you in a special way and that you are encouraged as you read of how the Lord has working here at Familia Feliz.

Prayer Requests

- I hat our children can grow daily in the Lord.
- I he various missionary and outreach projects we have planned.
- I his new school term that starts in August.
- I hat the Lord will continue to meet our needs.
- F unds for a tractor so that we can better work our land and increase our garden.
- F unds for a new truck in which to transport the children.



Military Evangelism

By: Miquel Tello

Almost a year ago, the Lord blessed us with an opportunity that no one at Familia Feliz foresaw or expected. Through the presence of our Pathfinder group in the local Independence Day parade, we were invited to host a weeklong evangelistic series at the Army base here in Rurrenabaque. There were about 80 soldiers in attendance (out of the 90 total on the base...the remaining 10 weren't able to be there because they were on guard duty). They were so enthusiastic about singing and learning about God that it was contagious. After the meetings ended, the Coronel asked us to continue with Bible studies at the base every Friday evening, stating that this work was a direct answer to his prayers. He admitted his inability to provide for the spiritual needs of his soldiers and knew the importance of those needs. The results of these meetings were nothing short of a miracle. Over 50 young men gave their hearts to the Lord and 27 were baptized!

We now have a wonderful relationship with the Coronel and the soldiers.

New soldiers arrived at the beginning of this year. We continue our weekly Bible meetings and, per the request of the Coronel, will be holding our weeklong evangelistic series in September. So far, the Gospel has reached over 230 soldiers, as well as all of the commanding officers at the Army base.

In September, we will also be having another weeklong series at the Navy base here in town. The Captain of the Navy has invited us to do the same program with his young men (approx. 100 soldiers). Weekly Bible studies will follow these meetings. There is another Army base in a town about an hour from here that has also requested us to hold these meetings and studies at their location as well. The change in the behavior and character of the soldiers after accepting and applying Bible principles to their lives is being seen by many here in town and the news is reaching other areas as well.

Please keep us in your prayers as well strive to continue to lead these young men to Christ. Also, pray that we will obtain the necessary funds to purchase Bibles, Bible studies and other materials for each new soldier. Thank you for your prayers and support. May God richly bless you!





An Orchard for Familia Feliz

By: John Alex de Vasconcellos

With the goal of being more self-sufficient and a possibility of generating some future income for the school, we were blessed with the means to undertake this ambitious project. There were many days of hard work, days in which, despite the intense heat, students and staff came together, tools in hand, and met at the orchard site.

The girls were in charge of cleaning the area while the guys and the staff worked the designated land where the trees would be planted. As the days and weeks passed, we were able to see, little by little, the result of our work and “the sweat of our brow.”

Then, by the glory of God, the day finally came in which we went to pick out and buy our trees! Right now, we have about 25 orange trees and 30 tangerine trees planted.

This was a very special occasion indeed for us! Every study and practically every missionary here at Familia Feliz took part in said activity. This is truly an orchard planted by young hands that are anxious to, one day, have the precious fruit of these trees, the fruit of their labors.

I cannot fail to mention the happiness that this brings to some students in a special way, since oranges and tangerines are their favorite fruit and they, in particular, cannot wait to eat the sweet fruit!

There is still a great work before us in the project. What we have just accomplished represents about 1/7th of the envisioned orchard. However, looking at this finished product, blessed by God, we cannot help but be excited!



If you build it, they will come...

By: Jonatan Cabrera

The mission and the foundation of Jesus in his earthly ministry was to serve and to give Himself wholly to others. On one occasion, He said: "For the Son of man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many" Mark 10:45. We, here at Familia Feliz, have been supporting a group in a church called "Nueva Esperanza" ("New Hope") that meets just up the road from our campus. They are a wonderful group of brethren.



Whenever we have the opportunity, we thoroughly enjoy praising God with them, conveying their love and fervor, and we leave filled with the Spirit of God every time we go to his temple. And all of this despite the material and physical limitations they have. It was amazing to see such joy and brotherly love when you realized that the roof was supported only by several simple columns. It had no floor. It was only covered in dirt. For this reason, we were not able to worship often when it rained, as the floor transformed to mud. However, the brethren did not cease to kneel in the mud because they understood that God deserves all reverence, glory, honor and worship.



We have been praying that God would send the funds and workers necessary to install a cement floor in the church. Well, God heard our prayers and the answer wasn't exactly in the expected form. God not only provided the money, but He touched the heart of the Coronel of the Bolivian army here in Rurrenabaque to send 10 of their soldiers everyday to help pour the floor! It was an unforgettable experience. Every day for a week, church brethren, Familia Feliz volunteers and the soldiers worked at the church.



Many people in the community were very curious at seeing these soldiers, dressed in their uniforms, working at the Adventist church and slowed down or stopped to see what was going on. Plus, we were able to share more of God's love with these young soldiers. It was a truly a blessing for all of us and just one more example of how God is opening many doors for the Gospel to be preached here in Bolivia.

Please continue to pray for Nueva Esperanza church, that it may shine brightly for Christ in the community, as well as for these soldiers, that they will continue to grow in the knowledge of God.



Student has heart surgery



In 2012, our Benjamin Gonzalez had to have heart surgery to replace two malfunctioning valves. To the glory of God, he is doing very well and hasn't had any more problems since then. His parents, however, had to take out a loan to pay for the surgery (\$13,000 usd). They still owe about \$8,000 usd. Their monthly payments are \$300 usd, which is more than most people earn in a month here in Bolivia. If you would like to help this family and contribute to Benjamin's medical expense, please contact us at orfanato_familia_feliz@yahoo.com or you can send a donation to the address below.. We appreciate your support!!



We'd love to hear from you!

We, here at Familia Feliz, love to hear from our friends and friends all over the world and would love to hear from you too! Please feel free to send us an email at orfanato_familia_feliz@yahoo.com.

If you would like to read more about what's going here in the jungles of Bolivia, as well as see more pictures and videos, please visit our blog at <http://psalm27ten.blogspot.com>.

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