

We can only follow HIS lead

LEARNING TO GO WHEN HE GOES, STAY WHEN HE STAYS, TO MOVE IN STEP WITH HIM AND ONLY HIM!



REVOLUTIONIZING WITH HIS LOVE
YOUTH, MOMS & MORE

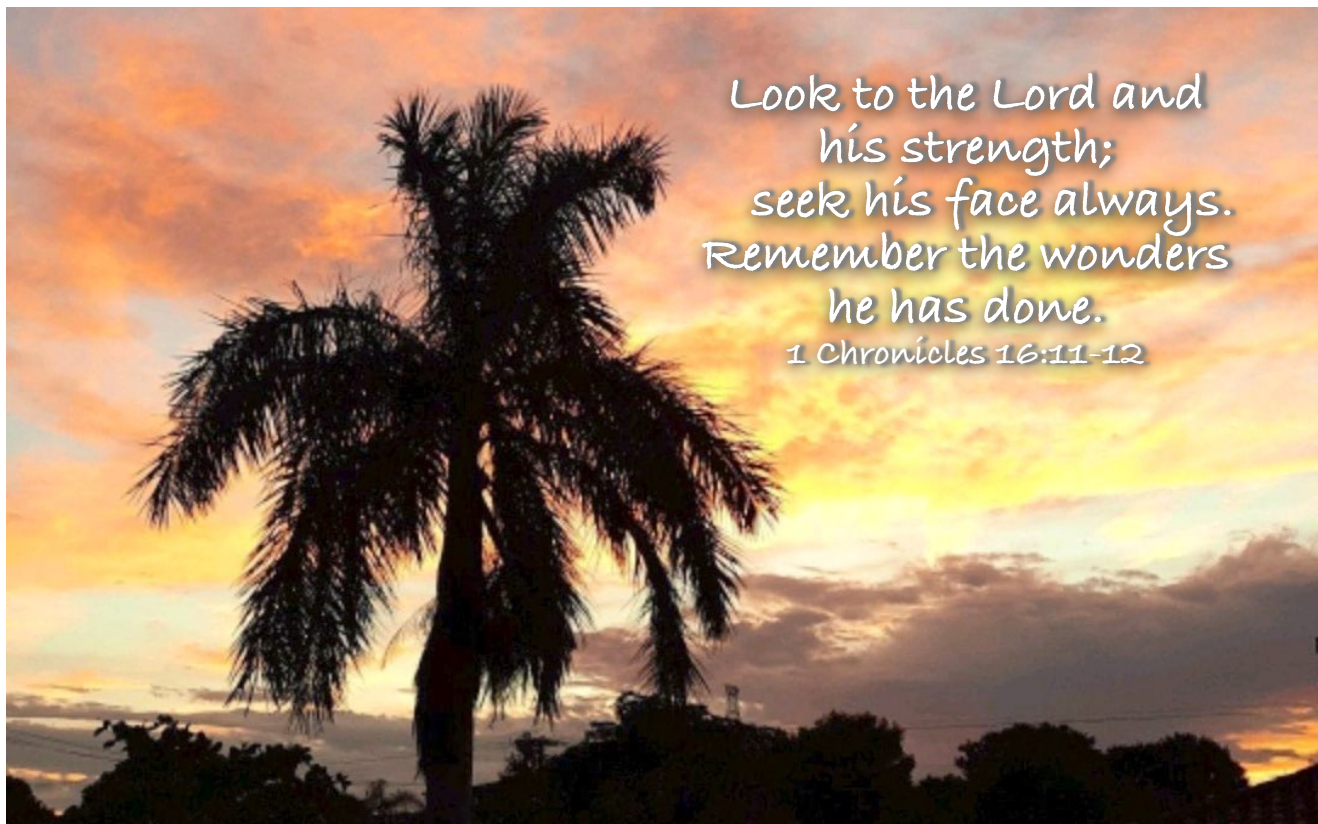


SO MUCH MORE THAN JUSTICE
RESTORING BROKENNESS



TRUSTING GOD FOR THE IMPOSSIBLE
INCREDIBLE PROVISION

GAONA'S NEWS



He has done wonders... again!

It's hard to explain why and how we "live by faith"... but there is no other way of saying it. Our life — our family, ministry, personal achievements and even our failures, everything — would be NOTHING if it were not for the LIFE God breathes on and around us. Living the miracle of a life growing inside (baby Sofie), of barriers to unreached families breaking down, of kids' lives being restored and turned around, of totally miraculous provision of a land AND a larger vehicle: only GOD can do these things.

Looking to God and his strength everyday is really the only way we can keep on going.

Touching lives with love

Independencia is a hard place to reach... incredibly beautiful, with lush green fields and forests surrounded by a ridge of mounts, but the ways of the people are deeply set by strong traditions (both “latino” catholic as well as german immigrants, most atheist).



Working with youth in the *Discover Base*, René felt the need to reach their families, and Mother's Day seemed like the perfect opportunity!

The turnout was AMAZING, and it was really the “small” things that made the difference: going to each home one by one to deliver invitations and get to know the moms; then creating a lovely “tea” environment with festive decoration, worship music, open arms and heartfelt words of God's love and care for them and their kids. Women (like the one above) known to be extremely set against anything non-catholic were almost the first to come and express wholeheartedly how grateful they are, and how they can really tell that who we are and what we are teaching their kids is different, which provides them with so much peace. We were even able to surround the moms with their kids and pray for them!

These are the lives we pray for, walk with and trust God to really make a lifelong impact in:



They're opening up more and more. Pray for each teen, and for local leaders and mentors to be recruited for them!

*We said it in faith,
we asked without
knowing HOW...*



*and HE provided us
with a PROPERTY
to live & serve long
term in Paraguay!*

In May we paid off the FULL cost and signed the paperwork to our names! Now the slow process to prepare the land (and raise funds) for construction has begun... an even bigger journey we trust Him for!

5 years of movement, advocating for kids living as orphans: Paraguay Protects Families!

5 years ago we told you about how God used us to bring together a group of children's homes, charities, pastors, evangelical church networks and individuals, to start a movement in Paraguay with a shared vision: *that EVERY child would grow in a safe and loving family, and reach their God-given purpose, making our Heavenly Father known to our entire nation.*

Inspired by *World Without Orphans*, we sensed God was doing something NEW in our country, awakening the church to STEP UP in care of the most vulnerable. What a ride of WONDERS (and challenges) it's been!! We give HIM thanks that we were able to impact both the "highest" level of authorities to promote system change, so that forgotten children would be restored, as well as working on the ground, front row, impacting one life at a time, preventing family-breakdown, prioritizing family-based care (foster and adoption) and help kids aging out of children's homes find meaningful relationships to support them, in Jesus's name.



"It's a lost case... we can't find his family"

His indigenous mom suffered severe burns, due to mental disabilities. They lived in high risk inhumane conditions and he was taken into care by court order. One of our foster families surrounded this young child with loving care, restoring him from so much pain he suffered, while waiting to know if he could go home. Time went by, and word had it his family could no longer be found! Through the social work team I am helping equip, we not only found his mom, grandma and siblings (not able to care for him), but also other relatives who very much want to take him in! There is still a lot to be considered and assessed, but for now first steps are being made, to help him reconnect with his indigenous community and family. Pray for wisdom for the team, for him, for his foster family and his birth family, as we all together seek what is the best option, to help him grow securely.

"MAMI, PAPI, SANTI, SOFIE!"... HE IS EXCITED AND SO ARE WE

We are weeks (or any day??) away from baby Sofia's arrival. Santi is constantly naming all 4 of us, playing "family" with his stuffed lambs – so ready to be a big brother! Amidst excitement, we are also a bit uncertain of what's ahead, regarding day-to-day routine, COVID, finances, etc. But we trust HIM for every new day and every step.

These months have been intense in working to delegate at least some of my (Anja) responsibilities, as well as prepping home and family for this change. One thing we thought necessary but impossible was getting a larger car. Once again God knew exactly what we needed, and provided way beyond our expectation!

