

GAONA'S NEWS

His mercies are new every morning | Reaching youth | Advocating for at risk kids

Santi and baby Sofie

No, she has not arrived yet (due July 2021!) But Santi is now fully excited and inclusive of baby Sofie in our family, even wanting to include her in table setting for meals. :) The pregnancy is finally much easier, and she is growing and healthy. Santi is going to join a regular small play group (in German/Spanish) to help with social skills and high energy!

Pandemic: it is time

The concerning consequences are huge around the world, even leaving many MORE children as "orphans" as a result of the loss of their caregivers. This is on top of all other major factors weakening families everywhere, especially the more vulnerable. We continue to see this time of need as a MAJOR CALL OUT to the church in every place, to shine a light of HOPE, reaching out in love to support families and protect vulnerable kids in practical ways. Our parenting helpline in process, and new christian foster care agencies in PY, are some examples.



Fresh start in Independencia

The "Discover Base" youth center that René will be leading this year in Independencia, a 3-drive from Asunción, reopened a few weeks ago. Pray for the kids who are already attending more regularly, to connect with them building deeper trust-based relationships, and through them to reach many of their peers and their families. Pray also René is able to build and coach a local leadership team, as this is a particular challenge in this area of the country. It is only through a stable local team, that relationships and reaching kids with God's love can really be built over time.

While it takes considerable effort on our part to travel as a family to this area every second weekend, joining others from churches in Asunción to invest in this community through different programs, we do believe God is doing an exciting new thing here!





Youth on the move

Through our new "Love for a Thousand Generations" initiative, René will be coaching a local church in greater Asunción, to help them develop a sustainable ministry of holistic social care.

They already have a very vibrant and growing youth group of 50+ kids from the surrounding at risk community, many of which are learning to lead and take action. Pray for these passionate leaders, their youth and the beginning of this community outreach!

A miracle, as we speak

We are literally STEPS AWAY from reaching our goal, to purchase a property for our home and ministry base in the long term, in greater Asunción, Paraguay!

This has been a huge walk of faith, and we have witnessed one miracle after the other, through personal gifts and loan. Pray we can reach the remaining \$12,000 (less than 25% of total) needed!

If you are interested in helping, or know someone who might be, please don't hesitate to write us!

God has been faithful, through many. In awe, we are so grateful!

Serving with Action International

Movement keeps growing

As regional leaders of World Without Orphans movement, which PPF is part of in Paraguay, we are building connections and partnerships with other key leaders across Latin America. Pray we are able to efficiently increase the involvement of Christians across our continent, helping to prevent and care for orphans and vulnerable children, supporting one another and growing together in practice, and that God may be glorified through it all.

Getting the word out in Paraguay and globally

Leading Paraguay Protects Families (PPF) movement, we work with more than a dozen different organizations for vulnerable kids in Paraguay, many who live as orphans, developing things like family strengthening, foster care for those removed from their families, assistance to children's homes, mentorship to kids aging out of care, and adoptions for waiting children. **We're now joining a global campaign, to raise support for these crucial faith-based programs:**

"100% of children deserve a family, and it will take 100% of us to realize this vision." On March 22nd to April 3rd, Orphan Myth will launch a global campaign to unite everyone behind the same message and actions, and PPF network is one of its 25 beneficiary orgs! The *100% Participation* campaign aims to create a greater awareness of how to truly help vulnerable kids and tackle the 'orphan crisis'. We hope you will join us. Click the link below to pre-register and participate in this movement! **#orphanmyth**

100 PERCENT PARTICIPATION CAMPAIGN

Every child has the right to grow up in a family

