

GOD IS GOOD ALL THE TIME!

UPDATE FROM PARAGUAY

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THESE ARE HIS STORIES

impacting lives of kids and families in Paraguay



HOME AT LAST

He just turned 2, and spent all of his life living in a children's home, without a family, as there aren't enough foster families. If you have children, you know how crucial these early years are for the child's development and healthy attachment! He needs family.

Marcelo has been waiting... so have his loving caregivers at the children's home, as well as his case workers (and Anja) who have been pushing through bureaucracy... and so has a couple who for years have been praying for a child. This Christmas brought the greatest gift ever... Marcelo is finally meeting his new family!



A PLACE FOR THEM

They are teens from a remote community, dealing with normal issues. Like any teen, they are desperate for love, for role models, to be accepted, and to figure out who they are. Thankfully, these kids are now coming to the base René has been asked to lead and coach!

That's what DISCOVER youth bases are for: to create a place where teens can feel at home, connect with peers, hear and witness God, and receive love and guidance from adults who care about them and their families. It's not an easy task, but every moment is a chance to walk with them, in such an important time in their lives.



FAMILY GROWING

Our first ministry is always at home – and now our family is growing!!! We are expecting a little one in July 2021. ☺

Santi (now 3) is now slowly getting excited about "baby", although somewhat skeptical of no longer being the only one. We are ecstatic about God's miracle of life, truly an awaited child, and are praying for a healthy pregnancy.

With growth comes more responsibility, and this is no exception. Please pray with us as we prepare for this new and beautiful phase in life, and as we adjust and balance our roles at home and in ministry.

LOOKING FORWARD: 2021

"I will make you into a great nation. And I will bless you. I will make your name great. You will be a blessing to others." Gen.12:2



MAY THE LORD MAKE HIS FACE SHINE ON US

to bring favor, hope and peace to Paraguay

This is Asunción, our home. The above photo is framed in our living room, to never forget to pray for this city, this nation. We are not here "just because"... we're here because God called us to this place. And because He instilled in us passion for the generations, and that Paraguay may shine for many.

It's been a bumpy year worldwide, "shifting priorities" and turning many things upside-down. In spite of everything, it's been a good one for us, although our hearts go out to so many struggling families and for pain experienced, especially by the more vulnerable. We know God uses all things for good, and we are positive this past year is no exception!

Working under Action, René and I are excited for what's next: developing a fledgling youth base in the interior, discipling teens and training local leaders; growing collaboration for strengthening families and preventing abuse, in Paraguay and Latin America; supporting ministries that care for kids living as orphans, alongside the case decision-makers, to get kids into families. And preparing for the long term, hopefully purchasing a property for our future home and ministry base.



Thank-you, blessed New Year!

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"Love for a Thousand Generations" initiative and "Paraguay Protects Families" movement, partnering with WWO, DISCOVER etc.