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What if it were YOUR child...

Open doors of Government in Paraguay, to put the child first

You already know this little boy (our precious growing son, Santi). Time and time again, in him I see the reflection of so many other kids in Paraguay. What is their story, what is God's plan for their lives? As publicly stated by our PPF colleague just yesterday, in a 'historic' national event where our Government high level Authorities were present to sign a Public Joint Agreement for the wellbeing of at-risk children in protection, care and adoption proceedings: "What if it were MY child? What would I want, if we as parents could not be there for them? The answer is simple: a safe and loving family."

We are awed and humbled... that God chose US to be His children... that we can be His witness and tool, to make a difference – a real difference – in our nation. To help reach out with loving arms, protecting and caring for "the least of these" by activating and equipping the Body of Christ in Paraguay. And not in spite of Government, but on the contrary WITH and on request of the Government, to help place our children back into the center of our families, communities and country! This is the privilege we have, through PPF.

Yesterday really WAS a HISTORIC DAY, where our Supreme Court Minister, State Attorney General, General Public Defender and Minister of Children signed a public agreement we prepared, and announced that there would be a "before and after" for children in Paraguay, and that PY would be an example for others!

Not only this day – SO MANY days before and MANY more to come, are as a result of God's doing, through the committed service of a lot of people, and your support to us. Thank you.

For more information about the event mentioned, see <a href="http://www.minna.gov.py/noticia/2613-historico-compromiso-interinstitucional-sobre-buenas-practicas-en-el-proceso-judicial-de-ninez.html?fbclid=lwAR3IZh-xdAJ0oV0ag471ngV-v64m5L0n5iwJEYfiTd2K7-ePyS5SDPaJBtE#.XMQ3u2RKi2y

Also, if you'd like to support us, know more or write us, go to www.actionintl.org/gaona!

P.S. the photo was taken in front of the open door of our Court Palace, during training we hosted for Judges etc. with our special international guest Ruth Sharon... One, it is an illustration of real "open doors" and reflection of Paraguay's reality; and two, a true an example that we are really looking forward to the help of our short term intern Hannah Lindsey, as having a dual role is increasingly challenging, as Santi grows ©

Much love and blessed weekend,

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