

New Horizons in Paraguay and Children's Ministries

News Update from Cynthia Lucas March, 2018 Asuncion, Paraguay...and New Horizons...Pedro Juan, San Estanislao, Caaguazú, Paraguari, Concepción...

In the morning, O LORD, you hear my voice; in the morning I lay my requests before you and wait in expectation. PSALM 5:3

In October, the National leadership of Paraguay asked me to reopen the Sunday School Department. Over the next few weeks, Diane Peters, my fellow missionary, and I visited the nine zones of Paraguay. So many mornings, we left before dawn, and watched **NEW HORIZONS** stretch before us. We went from north to south, east to west. Pastors told us, "Our greatest need... Sunday School...materials... teacher training!" We loaded down our Speed the Light vehicles with LFTL tracts and boxes of Book of Hope. "Start with these... use them in your classes till the Sunday School materials arrive...then use the rest to evangelize the schools."

We recruited a great team of teachers...Bible School grads now in the ministry. We updated our 2 teacher training manuals, as well as a new VBS written by Phyllis Fulcher, Reclaiming the Promise of the Holy Spirit. We had puppets made, and copies of digital Sunday School helps. We were ready for teacher training!

In February, we had 117 teachers in our first SS Workshop in the capital. Our theme: "**Do you love me? Feed my sheep.**" Every teacher must know how to teach the Word, and how to lead students to Christ. Every teacher must be filled with the Spirit and know how to lead their students to be filled with the Spirit. Each workshop ended with teachers being filled with the Holy Spirit, and ready to minister in His Power. This opens up **New Horizons** in Christian education here in Paraguay.

Asuncion was just the beginning...on to **New Horizons**. 1000 kilometers to Pedro Juan Caballero on the Brazil border with itinerating Paraguayan missionaries, Julio and Teresa. 9 years teaching indigenous peoples, and now on their way to Spain. 12 teachers prepared there. Up at 3:15, on the road by 4:30, with a team of teachers headed to the troubled north west...300 km! **New Horizons** again... watching the sun come up over the swamplands. 18 trained there! All filled with the Spirit, ready to reach their land. 12 new teachers in our Bible School... more planned for the south. Tomorrow to Caaguazú in the heart of the country. And the work goes on. More workshops, and then to Level Two!

As I watch the sun come up over **New Horizons** each weekend, I remember the words of David, "*In the morning, O LORD, you hear my voice; in the morning I lay my requests before you and wait in expectation.*" PSALM 5:3 My request: Equipping the Sunday School office, and producing the training manuals, puppets, and digital helps cost more than \$5000. The National Church can't help at present, and my work funds are depleted! We are praying for a miracle! Will you pray with us? And if you can help, drop us a note! We have also lost more than \$1500 in faith promises! God will supply!

Masters Commission continues outreach to schools, prisons, and street people. And we rejoice for the work among the teams of King's Castle. Under the direction of missionary, Jaime Quintanilla, 75 teams reached 40,000 people in 2017, with 20,000 decisions, and 70,000 Book of Hope and LFTL tracts reached hungry souls. In January, **New Horizons** for 40 Paraguayans who were part of Invasion Brazil. 5000 heard the Gospel, 2300 decisions, 38 miracles. You, who support the work in Paraguay had a part in all this. Your giving supports this ministry, as well as Masters Commission. **New Horizons** for the nation of Paraguay.

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