



When we went to Romi's, I asked each team member, "What is one thing for which you are thankful?" After we saw her outhouse with a toilet and shower head with cold water, Madison and Wanda both said, "My bathroom in my house." After working then returning to our hotel and showering, Celeste said, "I feel guilty for taking a hot shower knowing that Romi never gets anything but a cold shower." Beyond being thankful, sometimes the Lord asks us to act. During our daily devotions, Jeff challenged us to listen to God and obey. That day at Romi's, the Lord spoke to me that we needed to buy them some food so we did. The next day, Donna asked how much would it cost to buy a bed for her. We were able to buy a nice mattress & boxsprings with a frame for her and for another young lady just setting up housekeeping. Hebrews 13:6



Missionaries Brian and Jackie McCobb asked us to come do medical clinics for two new church plants to increase the contacts and give the church plant teams opportunities to grow the churches. The Baptist Church of Itapuemi has been meeting outside in chairs under trees. They started having children's meeting approximately 3 years ago and about 20 children attended regularly. The lights were installed in the new church building the night before our clinic on Saturday. We had a steady stream of patients, three dog fights and one inebriated man. Pastor Fabio is very well known in the community, but he was especially thankful to have this gentlemen come to us. Now, he has a reason to visit him, and we are praying that he and his wife soon come to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. We were so excited to see how many people returned for the evening service including many adults. "The Lord make you to increase and abound in love one toward another" (I Thessalonians 3:12).



The church plant team at Bethel Baptist Church was well prepared. They had their translators ready to translate our English to Spanish then Spanish to Guarani. We lost count after 115 patients plus the ones we treated on Sunday out of the back of the van. We were just thrilled that they came to church no matter their motivation because they heard a message from the Word of God. Jeff preached from John 21, and he reminded us that the blessings of God flow when we do what Jesus tells us to do. So thankful that He "saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began" (II Timothy 1:9).



A precious 88-year-old lady came to our clinic at Bethel Baptist Church, and she was so sick. We were not equipped to help her, and Wanda recommended to her family that they take her to the hospital. Before she left, she stopped to get a pair of reading glasses. Madison said she felt the Holy Spirit leading her to ask about the lady's salvation. The interpreter said, "Yes, she knows Jesus." Madison asked, "Yes, but does she have a personal relationship with Him?" No, she did not so the interpreter began sharing the Gospel with her and that day was her day of salvation, when she became a new creation in Christ. (II Corinthians 5:17). I'm so thankful that Madison listened and obeyed the still small voice of the Holy Spirit and that there is no age limit to getting saved! Pastor Fermin told the church Sunday that everyone that came through the clinic heard the Gospel, and now they will follow-up with each one. Thank you for your faithful prayers to a faithful God! I never take either for granted!



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