Flip-Flops, and Pots

A group of believers donated flip-flops for the small children in the communities of Porvenir, Zapocó, and San Miguelito. At the same time, LATCOM Mission gave cooking pots to the leaders' families in each church in the region as an encouragement to continue working with the REDES Project.

Below you can see the leaders and children enjoying their new shoes and cooking pots.



Ayorés Visit Charles Ramsey

Believers from the community of Zapoco visited Charles Ramsey to encourage him to get well soon. At the same time, they thanked him for the work he and LATCOM Mission has done for Zapocó over the years. The visitors shared their concern in finding capable, responsible, and ethical leaders to direct their communities; especially leaders who also serve the Lord..



Holy Week

The Evangelical churches of Concepcion joined together to organize and celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ during Holy Week. An Easter sunrise service was held at 4:00 a.m. in the town coliseum. The principal theme of the teaching was Unity and was directed primarily towards young people and couples. This event was well-received by the town of Concepcion and various people attended the service; many of whom consecrated their lives anew to the risen Lord.



2013 Women's Ministry Plan

The Ñuflo de Chavez Women's Committee not only is working in the area of arts and crafts, but also has developed a plan to benefit all female believers in the Lomerio area. The Committee leaders plan to visit Lomerio churches to motivate believers to study God's Word and be active participants in ministry. They plan to encourage spiritual maturity, the faithful carrying out of God work, and commitment to develop ministries in each church and neighborhood.

Peace and Hope Project

Peace and Hope Mission, in cooperation with the REDES regional committee, is offering workshops for various leaders in the Lomerio area. These workshops have a holistic focus and will deal primarily with the theme of prevention of abuse towards women and children. They will be offered in different communities each month.



REDES Project Leaders Report

Due to the amazing results of the REDES church planting and development project, leaders from the region held several meetings to evaluate current and future development. According to the information presented by the leaders, some churches are working well within the project while others need further training in order to continue growing.



Furthermore, as a result of these meetings strategy plan was developed to carry the project into the future.

Youth Retreat in the Lomerio Area

The REDES Youth committee organized a youth retreat dubbed "A Challenge for the Courageous" that was held in Lomerio by the REDES Project regional committee and youth leaders in the area. Sixty young men and women attended this retreat including youth from the Porvenir church near Concepcion. The focus of the event was to encourage youth to faithfully follow the Lord and work in area churches to spread the Gospel. Below is a picture of some of the young men praying.





Indigenous Leadership

In January, FRALIC (the Fraternity of Indigenous Christian Leaders) with the help of EPLABOL and various mission agencies, hosted a meeting with pastors and lay-leaders in the city of Santa Cruz . The purpose was to set-up a committee for co-ordaining and promoting indigenous ministries among the city churches .

Youth Camps in Porvenir and Lomerio Area

Two youth camps were held in February; one in Porvenir and the other in the Lomerio area. Members of Jesus is the Way Church (Santa Cruz) directed the Porvenir camp. Contests, sports, and other activities were enjoyed by participants. The theme was: *Christ Living in the Heart of the Believer*. Christian films were projected each night. Members of the two churches (Jesus is the Way and Porvenir) enjoyed spending time in fellowship together. Some young people were saved and others consecrated their lives to God's service. The camp in the Lomerio area was conducted in a similar way in Coloradillo. Their central theme was: *The Great Commission*, with emphasis on each believer being a missionary. 150 youth from various churches attended these camps.



Mercy Ministry

A group of women from the Mercy Ministry of the Santa Cruz International Family Church visited the Porvenir Maranatha Church for the second time. The ladies conducted a workshop on arts and crafts and presented the Gospel to those attending the seminar. Ladies from Concepcion and the Lomerio area aided in this retreat. There were various activities (see below) as well as instruction from God's Word. All were encouraged to be faithful and to work for their churches.



Poultry Project Continues

The project to provide laying hens continues to benefit families in several communities. In January, 18 families from the Lomerio area and Porvenir were given their chicks. William Vaca, of the Swiss Agape Mission, continues to supervise this vital project. The families receiving the chicks are grateful to God for providing a way to better their family income.

Macedonia Project in Concepcion

A health and evangelism campaign was held in Concepcion in the month of January under the cooperation of the evangelical churches and the mayor's office. Doctors from Santa Cruz, working under the auspices of the Macedonia Project, along with physicians from Concepcion gave free medical and eye exams to more than 500 patients. Donated medicine and glasses were distributed free of charge. Each person who saw a doctor also received spiritual counseling from Believers. As a result of this outreach, churches in Concepcion began to work together more fully.



Ayoré Conference in Zapocó

With the purpose of unifying the evangelical churches in the Ayoré communities, a conference was held in Zapocó from the 5th to the 7th of April. Indigenous leaders taught from God's Word and directed times of singing and testimonies. There were suggestions that the churches should all have Ayoré pastors in order to better edify the congregations and reach their own people group.

Prayer Requests

- * Pray that Chiquitano youth will be faithful in their commitments to the Lord.
- * Pray for the continuation of the REDES Project in all the affiliated churches.
- * Pray for the new communities that are being reached with the Gospel.
- * Please pray for the development of the annual plan of the REDES Project.
- Pray for Benjamin Rojas' health.
- * Pray for the new converts and their follow-up/discipleship.
- * Pray for the 2013 ministry plan of the women's committee.
- * Pray the provision of the resources needed to complete the building project of the Palmira Church.
- * Pray for resources needed to complete the finish work in the San Lorenzo Church.

Praises

- * We are thankful for the unity of the churches in Concepcion.
- * We are grateful for the Macedonia Project which has helped in health and evangelization campaigns in Concepcion.
- * Thanks be to God for the Mercy Ministry and their aid with arts and crafts.
- * We are thankful that Felicia Chuve's health has been restored.
- * We are grateful for LATCOM's support of leaders in this region.
- Thanks be to God for volunteers who help with children's ministries.

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Master, we have been working hard all night and haven't caught anything—answered Simon—but because you've commanded me, I will let down the nets. Luke 5:5