

REDES

Updates From the Mission Field

December 2013



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

A Testimony From Duchuvi Picanerai of the Ayorés

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Chuck Ramsey was a great friend. I remember when we went in search of our Paraguayan brothers to get them from the Gran Chaco, so that they would have the opportunity to listen and be evangelized. Thanks to Chuck’s teachings, I came to know Jesus Christ, and he helped me to grow in my spiritual life. He also helped us when my wife needed an operation because she was very sick. He took us to the hospital in Concepción. Chuck was very good to us—we won’t forget him.



May God Bless You This Christmas

This year has been one filled with blessings and challenges as we’ve done the Lord’s work. We give thanks to God for those who have accepted Jesus as their Savior, for those who have been baptized in His name, for the new communities we’ve been able to reach, for the construction of churches, for the teams that visit us every year from the U.S., and for all the pastors, leaders, and workers who share the Word of God in other places. On behalf of the Regional Committee and the REDES Project leaders, we wish you much happiness this Christmas and that the Lord would bless your lives.

A United Baptism

The “Christ Lives” Church in the community of Monterito and the “God is Love” Church in the community of Surusubí united to hold a baptism ceremony, where 15 believers made the decision to give a public testimony of their faith in Jesus Christ. They also promised to work and serve Him in their churches. We give thanks to God, because we continue to disciple new believers through the REDES Project.

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March for Jesus

On September 29, 2013, the United Evangelical Churches of Concepción held a March for Jesus. Their goal was to show the town of Concepcion their united faith in Jesus Christ. The many believers carrying banners with Bible verses set out from the North end of the town, and ended their march at the main plaza with a combined worship service filled with praise music and the teaching of the Word of God. The number of participants served to show us all that the work of God is growing in Concepción.



2013 Women's Congress

The Women's Congress took place in October in the community of Surusubí. It was organized by the Women's Committee of the Lomerío and the "God is Love" Church, located in Surusubí. The main theme for 2013 was "Women Who Leave Footprints." Women from different communities attended the congress and participated in different activities, including a talent show called the 'Night of Shoe Prints'. The instructors for the conference came from the Riberalta Bible Institute in Riberalta, Bolivia. At the end of the congress, the attendees decided that next year's event will take place in the "Christ is Coming" Church in the community of Monterito in the Lomerío.



CEF in Concepción

Walter Romero of Child Evangelism Fellowship held a training conference for the United Evangelical Churches of Concepción in October. Those who participated in the workshops then held programs for children in their communities and barrios for one week. Nearly 800 children attended these distinct programs and finished out the week in a united special program in the soccer coliseum in Concepción. The final meeting ended with refreshments donated by the area churches and believers. Due to the excellent success of this program, starting next year CEF will hold regular training conferences for the area.



Students at Riberalta Bible Institute

In November, families from the Lomerío region and Zapocó left their homes for the Riberalta Bible Institute to continue with their theological studies. This three-month for three-year program trains indigenous lay-leaders in Bible knowledge and how to minister in their churches. We give thanks to God for these called believers.

Harvest

Marcelo Lazo of Harvest Mission led a course for Sunday School teachers of the churches in the Lomerío from November 7-11. Teachers and other invitees participated. In the evenings there was general instruction on how to develop plans to teach the children as well.

EPLABOL Workshop in the Lomerío

EPLABOL (LATCOM's mission in Bolivia), in coordination with the REDES Project, held the workshop "Foundations for Character Development" for forty-two public school teachers and directors from the Lomerío area schools in the central community of Púquio. The workshop was led by EPLABOL staff David Marzana and Myerlín Mérida. The area superintendent and the teaching staff were very thankful for the character principles and values that were taught from a Christian world-view. The professors expressed their desire to continue with the training.

Workshop Held by the Swiss Mission

The Swiss Bible Mission held a training workshop at the "God is Love" Church in the community of Surusubí, with the goal of continuing to support church leaders in the Lomerío region and to encourage other Chiquitano families to attend the Riberalta Bible Institute.



2013 Bible School



During the months of October and November various Bible Schools took place in the different communities of the Lomerío, Zapocó, and Concepción. Approximately 334 children attended in total. The teachers were thankful for the material that volunteers provide them each year. Our challenge is to have more teachers trained each year to be able to work with the children and reach them through evangelism.

Monte Blanco Camp Held in Concepción



The 2013 Monte Blanco Camp Bullianga, held in Concepción, was a great success! Over 200 youth from the Lomerío and Concepción area attended the camp, which was sponsored through funds from First Baptist Church of New Castle, PA, and the United Evangelical Churches of Concepción. The main camp activities took place in the Chiquitano Oasis Spa, with games and outdoor activities held in the municipal sports courts and the Concepción lake. The speaker for the camp was David Salazar. At the end of the camp he invited the youth to come to the front to receive Christ as Lord and Savior—15 youth made this important decision! They also were challenged to invite someone to a future camp, and many responded that they would. We give thanks to God and to the churches that supported this event.

Maranatha Church Has a Pastor!

After spending much time in prayer, an assembly from Maranatha Church in the community of Porvenir decided to name Ignacio Chuvirú as its pastor. Ignacio is a graduate of the Alborada Theological Institute of Guayaramerin, Beni, Bolivia. He is a native of the community of Monterito in the Lomerío. Our national missionaries, the Rojas and Chuvés, will continue supporting the work of the pastor and the church. We give thanks to God for giving us to the privilege to be able to serve him in his work.

A Testimony From Ignacio Chuvirú

I am very thankful to God for the calling He has placed on my life. I had the privilege of studying at the Alborada Theological Institute of Guayaramerin, Beni, Bolivia for 4 years. This was made possible due to the support I received from donors from LATCOM Mission. This past year I worked with the “Christ is Coming” Church in the community of Monterito, during which time God continued the unique work of preparing me to serve him in the pastorate. We have moved to Concepción to begin the work of pastoring the Maranatha Church in Porvenir. I am trusting in the Lord that my family and I will be a blessing in this community. Merry Christmas to all of you, and many blessings in 2014.

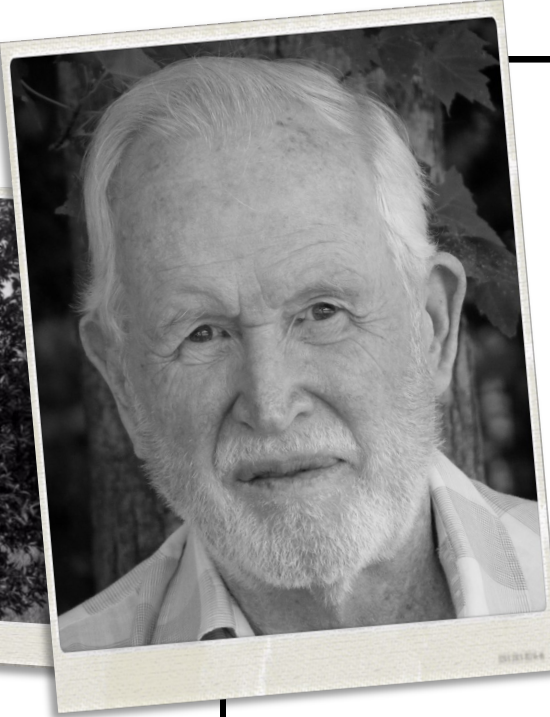
Prayer Requests

- * We pray for the youth who accepted Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior during the Monte Blanco Camp that took place in Concepción.
- * We pray for the health of sister and national missionary Felicia Chuvé.
- * Pray for the pastors and leaders of the United Evangelical Churches of Concepción.
- * Pray for the believers of the Lomerío and Zapocó who went to the Riberalta Institute to continue their training.
- * Pray for the REDES Project leaders that the Lord would guide them in their work plans for 2014.
- * Pray that the churches would continue to develop and grow as they evangelize and disciple both within their churches and in their communities.
- * Pray for the pastors and leaders in the Lomerío that the Lord would show them the need to reach new communities.
- * Pray for Pastor Erwin García and his family, who were invited to teach at the Riberalta Institute.

Thanks & Praises

- * Praise the Lord for the Monte Blanco Camp that took place in Concepción.
- * We thank the Lord for Brother Ignacio Chuvirú, who has been called as the new pastor of the Maranatha Church of Porvenir.
- * Thank the Lord for the Vacation Bible Schools and for the children having another opportunity to learn about Him.
- * We give thanks to God for the work that the United Evangelical Churches of Concepción are doing.
- * Praise God for the 2013 Women’s Congress that took place in the community of Surusubí.
- * Thank the Lord for the believers who provide the economic resources to make different activities possible.

Remembering Chuck Ramsey...



Thank You, Chuck

A Testimony From National Missionary Onésimo Rojas

I was 22 years old when I gave my life to the Lord.

Before that I lived a common life without God and with a void that only

He could fill. A friend invited me to attend a church meeting in the garage of Chuck's house, and out of respect I accepted the invitation. I

arrived, along with some friends, and after singing praises to God, Chuck taught about the truth of John 3:16. When he finishing, he invited anyone who wanted to receive Christ as their Lord and Savior to raise their hand. In that moment God took my heart, and I accepted Jesus Christ. When the gathering ended I chose to buy a Bible, which was the first time I had one in my hands. Thanks to the discipleship and teaching I received from Chuck, we built two churches in Santa Cruz and now we serve the Lord full-time as national missionaries with LATCOM. We give thanks to God, for Chuck's work and service was not in vain.

Testimony From Nohaine of the Ayorés

Chuck's work was a great thing. Through his teachings I learned a lot, especially in regard to my spiritual life. When we left our nomadic jungle life we knew very little, but bit-by-bit Chuck taught us and we came to know Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior. From that point we came to know the Christian life, although not everyone lived it. I give thanks to God for the example of brother Chuck, his teachings, and his dedication to us. We will never forget him for the rest of our lives.

Testimony From Pedro Charupas (From Zapocó)

I want to thank God for the work that Chuck did for the community of Zapocó. First, for being committed to evangelism and teaching about salvation, which is the most important thing for us. He also helped us with expanding and titling our property. In the early years he made large farms of sugar cane and corn, which became a source of work for the Ayorés. Along with Jean he always cared for our sicknesses. Thanks to Chuck also for representing the town water needs before the government offices in Santa Cruz. We will remember him, for he helped us so much.

Testimony From Samuel Chiqueno of the Ayorés

The advice Chuck gave us was to always continue serving the Lord and to not go back to the things of this world. The most important thing that he gave us was to help us know the Lord—this teaching has helped us even up to today. We will continue to follow the Lord, and we will not forget. Thank you.

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