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"En proceso"



A custom in Paraguayan paper work is a document that states your documents are, "en proceso" or in progress. This means that you have satisfied, to the best of your abilities, all the requirements asked of you for what ever government or legal document you are seeking to acquire. Though you do not poses the real document this pseudo certificate lets all parties interested know that you are "en proceso". You can drive or even leave and return to the country with this substitute document.

When thinking about this particular Paraguayan process I began to imagine my own life as being in progress. I am sure that none of us would say that we are the perfect Christian and no longer in need of learning or improving in any area. Paul says in Philippians 3:12 (ESV) Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. He clearly states that he has not achieved perfection yet but is in progress. He speaks about life as a race in I Corinthians 9:24 (ESV) Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it. Paul illustrates our Christian lives as in the process of running a race. He have not achieved the goal but we run in such a way as to attain. When nearing the end of his life Paul said this about his race, "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that Day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing." 2 Timothy 4:7-8 (ESV) Near the end of his

life Paul understood he was nearing the completion of the process, to receive the crown.

We need to live our lives understanding that we are works "en proceso" and that we should be progressing toward heaven. Toward the crown that is awarded to those "who have loved His appearing".

Cara's Corner



Hello everyone. During this month, the mission team here in Paraguay had a huge growth spurt. The four families, Fry's, Hardin's, Blackmer's, and Spradlins spent two 9 hour days in a team development and integration workshop. This was excellent in bringing us all together to learn each other's personalities and work styles.

We have a new team

with members who have been here 7 years and members who have only been here 7 weeks. So much to learn before we even begin the work full swing. The results from the workshop prepared us further to work together as a unified mission team.

Also this month Vivian turned 5 years old. She was very excited and was able to have a little party with 3 other little girls. This picture shows her getting to open her birthday present from Grandma and Grandpa over the webcam. We are so blessed to have technology and cherish these memories even if we cannot share them in person. She kept that dress on for several days wanting to wear it everywhere. She even went to get her doctor checkup in her princess dress. It is safe to say, that present was one of the highlights.



The other was the cake Andrea was able to make with extremely limited cake decorating resources. Vivian was very impressed, as was everyone else.



The congregation also hosted a Ladies Day. The ladies all helped organize and advertize for this event. Including advertisement on Facebook. We received a lot of attention from the add. The theme was "Manantial de Emociones" (Spring of Emotions). The speaker was Sharla Marcum, a missionary in Quito, Ecuador. There were 23 ladies that attended for the two day event. There were a number of visitors and the speaker was very encouraging.

**MANANTIAL DE EMOCIONES....
LA MUJER Y DIOS**

Charla para mujeres

Descubri las emociones que hay dentro de vos. Y la relacion que hay entre el manantial, Dios y vos.
¡Te esperamos!

Sábado 13 de marzo
16:00 hs.

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Paraguay Fact #4: Light Bulbs



Changing a light bulb in Paraguay may not be as easy as Thomas Edison intended. You will need dexterity. You will also need to recite, "Lefty loosy, righty tighty" as you try to remove the light bulb while all the internal parts of the fixture are turning also. You may need to use just enough brute force to relieve the fixture of its defective bulb without breaking the ceramic liner. Having accomplished this you must understand that because it came out does not mean the new one will go in.