

LAM NEWS

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Planning “dream session” with everyone from Team Paraguay/Brazil along with Kal and Cindy...

While Kal and Cindy McAlexander were with us in Paraguay, we were able to make plans to restart the church in Ciudad del Este... With most of the members coming from Hernandarias, Daniel and Renata had made the decision to move the church and temporarily close down the church in Ciudad del Este....



Paraguay (Hernandarias) church service... 41 in attendance...

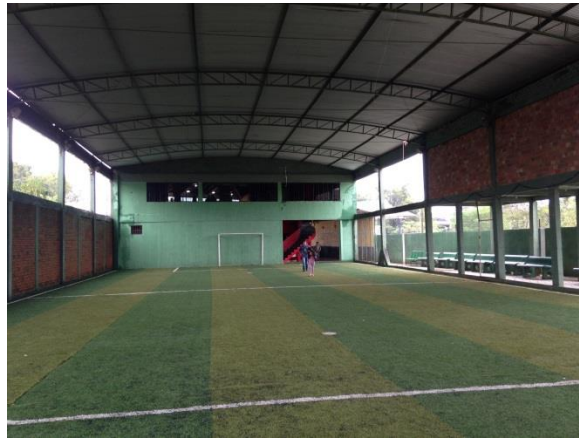
Our plans are to prepare Robson and Bia to work in CDE in 6 to 8 months when I think we can be there to help lead the work again (we’re still working on scheduling our time). Trinity International (Kal and Cindy) will support Robson and Bia financially for a year and they will be living on the church property in CDE while learning Spanish and working with Daniel and Renata in Hernandarias helping us grow and stabilize the church there....

After Kal and Cindy left we spent our remaining time there drawing up plans for the three churches in that area (Tri-border)...

Hernandarias... The church has been renting a sports center for three hours every Sunday for \$300 a month... To reach out to the youth, we are making plans to restart the soccer program that we used when we started the work nine years ago... We will target three areas of town with soccer fields to use for the program... We were trying to negotiate renting the facility where the church meets for Saturday afternoons to bring the youth together and then have a Saturday night youth service in the early evening but the cost just got a little out of hand... We were back to square one trying to rethink how we were going to develop out the ministry when we were offered the whole complex exclusively for \$1400 (US) a month.



Soccer field and area at end of field used for children's Sunday school.



Upstairs area at opposite end of field where church meets.



Kitchen and class room area....



Front of building. Church meets up-stairs.

Our plans would be to develop a Christian sports center using it every afternoon with the youth as well as promoting activities and sports competitions in the evenings... Also plans would include developing a University ministry once again... The sports center is situated right next to a technical university with around 1000 students...

In front of the soccer field at the street entrance there is a restaurant fully equipped and functioning that would be included in the rental cost as well. We would target drawing in the university students from next door with amenities such as a photocopier, computers and Internet service along with having soft drinks and snacks available for sale (book store, paper supplies, etc.)... Our goal would be to rent the soccer field and use the Coffee House to generate at least half or more of the rent...



Restaurant/Cafeteria area...

University Coffee house....

Also included on the complex is a one room apartment with a small kitchen and bath which would serve ideally for housing interns to help with the youth and university programs... We are working with the leaders in Nicaragua and we are thinking of possibly recruiting a couple of our university ministry leaders to work for 6 months or so in Paraguay with these programs... We would need to raise their airfare and visa costs but the church in Managua would send them a monthly offering for their expenses...

We are so excited about the possibilities in Paraguay...

Ademir and Nilva are really doing great with the church plant in Foz, Brazil. We have started renting a location for services on Sunday nights. The church meets in homes during the week.

It was great to be with Javier and Eliane in Lima Peru and see all that they are doing... They are developing a solid group of leaders... Along with working in two areas in Lima they have started traveling to two other towns where they have made contacts to start churches. We are hoping to take Javier and Eliane to Managua in October for the anniversary this year and give them a chance to see the ministry there.

Our time in South America was a good opportunity to meet with the leaders, set goals and make plans for the future. Please pray for us as we return to Nicaragua for a few months and keep everyone we are working with in your prayers...

Billy and Bette