

Hi friends!

How are you? We are well and busy. Benji's leg continues to improve, and he is pretty good at getting wherever he wants to go with his crutches. He is still not allowed to put any weight on the foot, but we will be going for another x-ray soon to see how the healing inside is going. Thanks to so many who have prayed and written; I have to apologise that I have not been able to answer all of you personally, but Benji and I have really appreciated all the love and concern!



We are very happy to share

with you that we have NZ visitors, Mr and Mrs Trevor and Margaret MacLean from Tauranga. They are with us till August, with the aim to help and support us in the ministries we have here. And already they have been a big help - Mr Trevor assisting Frank





with many practical projects - ceilings, floors, playground swings, etc. etc., and more to come! Mrs Margaret is assisting Nicki with her full class of littlies, and also helping us teach Benji twice a week. We are very thankful that they are willing to

spend time, money and energy in "building up the kingdom" in this little town in the middle of Paraguay.



We have just been beginning to think that some kind of "awakening" maybe is starting to happen in this town.... The good news has been "preached" for years, but has mainly fallen on "hard ground" ...



When we started our teen club in 2010 we found that after 3 years we had a small group of about 7 who had become believers and had decided to follow God in every area of their lives. One is now studying at a Christian seminary and another is a

volunteer at a home for street kids. Most of them are now integrated in different local evangelical church groups.



After a break of almost 3 years for health and family reasons, in 2015 we re-initiated teen club, and after less than a year, there are 3 of them who have decided to confront the opposition and even persecution from family and friends and openly meet on a Sunday with other believers! Pray that their interest will develop into a deep need to personally KNOW Jesus Christ, and that they will have the courage to make that life-changing decision.



We are noticing an increased awareness from people around us that their traditional "religion" does not work, and in fact the superstition and fear has negative results in their families and community. Just over the past few weeks various adults have had serious conversations with us along these lines.

Please pray for J. who is the physiotherapist for Benji, and for M. I. a teen with emotional difficulties because his family breakup. Also for M. S. who has finally made the decision to free herself from a

very controlling relationship and is now planning to also attend our church group!

You prayer warriors out there - Pray like never before, if this is something that is happening in the spiritual realm, then we know full well that there is an unseen battle going on for the souls of these precious people. Please pray for protection for our whole family, and for the MacLeans who are working alongside us.



Lots of love,

Francisco, Joanna, Nicki, Melanie and Benji.

