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**What's important is that God makes the seed grow.**  
 1 Corinthians 3:7 NL

**Above:** combining nutrition concepts with Thursday English lessons for preschool.

**Above right:** during one of the nutrition talks with the juniors

**Right:** Our kids at the school lunch table with their class-mates.

**It's been a fun month of working with the community on nutrition, food gardens, and growth monitoring, but our prayer is that they see Jesus in us. Pray with us that the seeds we sow in their lives will by God's grace grow into something fruitful for His glory!**

**A**ctually, the kids are just about to start the section on nutrition in the school curriculum, so now would be ideal to give nutrition talks!" said the school director. As it turned out, giving an introduction on the 3 basic food groups according to function also coincided with when the school lunch system finally rolled out in Barrientos. Furthermore, this provided the perfect opportunity to take baseline measurements of height and weight of nearly 100 kids, so that growth parameters can be monitored during the year and the quality of school lunches can be evaluated. It is still a work in progress, but plotting their data on WHO growth charts identifies which children are vulnerable. Once all the information is prepared, we plan to interview families further and discuss with parents and teachers how we may improve nutrition support to those at risk of stunting, under- and over-weight. Future nutrition talks will also be targeted to address the concerns for this community. But, the most exciting part for these kids will be to see how tall they can grow in a year!



One of the high school English classes

Sitting with teachers at break-time, or with parents during dance or soccer class... This is when people have begun to open up much more personal conversations with us. Please pray that God would bring to our minds the right Bible story at the right time to minister to them in these moments. With thanks to God, we have received good feedback from folks about their kids learning English with us at school. Now that we have been studying a Proverb a week with them (that we leave on the chalkboard all day) please pray that God's Word and Spirit will open their eyes to spiritual things. Recently we were asked to join in the anniversary memorial service of our neighbour's late husband. We long to hear heartfelt prayer rising from assured faith that God is attentive to whatever we pray in Jesus' name, not just the repeated rezas. Again, please pray we may gently point them to the Word and to Jesus.



Learning the Paraguayan bottle dance

Ironically, neither of us aspired to be teachers growing up, yet every day we find it such a delight to teach and interact with all these kids! It's an immense privilege and we want you **all** to know how deeply we appreciate your support! Even now, God continues to meet our support needs perfectly. His love never fails! **THANK YOU MOST SINCERELY!**

**A few more prayer requests:**

1. Preparation for this year's SIM conference; catering logistics that we're responsible for; ministry preparation for the coming USA team.
2. With the school lunch roll-out, kids are now required to stay 7 hours. Pray for our kids to keep up with home-school. The school has also asked us to teach grade 1-3's! We praise God that we will have more opportunities to serve!
3. One of our neighbours died yesterday, pray for the right words to minister to the family.
4. Caleb fell off his J-board (rip-stick) and broke off the greater half of his front tooth! We praise God that we were able to have a root canal done; pray for good healing especially by the time we go to the check-up in 2 weeks.



Galilea with her dance group at the parade



Independence Day at nearby La Colmena, celebrating 80 years as a Japanese colony.

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