

# Ritlands Preparing to Serve



## in Paraguay

### Plans, Places, and Answered Prayers

May included visits with churches in MN, IL, and IA, stays with gracious hosts, meetings with friends and family, graduations, Spanish lessons, and many miles.

As we met with people who are excited about us going to Paraguay and the mission, they asked us what to pray for. Last month, scheduling visits had been difficult and really slow. After a week or so of sharing that prayer request, scheduling became amazingly smoother, praise God! For other reasons as well this month, I have been reminded of the power of prayer and am thankful to God to get to witness and experience it myself.

### “Small but Mighty” - Zach Ritland

We visited a very small but vibrant and faithful church earlier this month. They decided to partner with us in regular financial support before we even visited them. While we were, of course, extremely thankful for their support, it was a very small amount and would not move the needle very much. None the less, we are very thankful for this small faithful church. When we visited the church, we shared about Paraguay and expressed our gratitude for their faithful support. Afterwards, several of the congregation members came up to us and said,

*"We are a very small church and we know that financially we do not make a big difference. But rest assure that what we lack in finances we make up for in prayer. We are small but mighty, and our prayers will do more than money ever could. The Lord is sending you, He will provide your needs."*

What a fantastic example this church is!

### Prayer Requests

- Safe travels - We will be in MN and SD next month
- Health - moving every day or every other day is taking a lot of energy
- AFLC Annual Conference next week
- Funding will come and we would be on track to go in September - We know God's timing is better than our timing and we trust His plans.



### Thank You!

To everyone who has met with us recently or hosted us at their church, who has been praying for us, who has partnered financially, **THANK YOU!** What a blessing to have partners in the work the Lord is doing!

In Christ,  
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