

COUTO FAMILY

REACHING THE CHILDREN OF

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QUICK FACTS

AUDREY'S BIRTHDAY - 12/18

BRUNO'S BIRTHDAY - 07/23

CALLIE'S BIRTHDAY - 09/26/07

MIGUEL'S BIRTHDAY - 03/09/09

ANNIVERSARY - 05/28/05

"...THE HARVEST TRULY IS
PLENTEOUS, BUT THE LABOURERS
ARE FEW; PRAY YE THEREFORE THE
LORD OF THE HARVEST, THAT HE
WILL SEND FORTH LABOURERS INTO
HIS HARVEST." (MATT 9:37-38)

AUDREY GREW UP IN THE PHILIPPINES WHERE HER PARENTS, JIM AND JOANNE CALLAHAN, WERE DORM PARENTS AT FAITH ACADEMY. EVER SINCE THEIR COMING BACK TO THE STATES IN 1996 SHE HAS HAD A DESIRE TO RETURN TO THE MISSION FIELD. SHE LOVES WORKING WITH CHILDREN AND HAS DONE IT SINCE BEING A CHILD HERSELF. SHE STARTED WORKING AT SOLID ROCK DAY CAMP IN WEST MILFORD, NJ IN 1997 AND HAS RETURNED EVERY SUMMER SINCE. AUDREY GRADUATED FROM PHILADELPHIA BIBLICAL UNIVERSITY IN 2005 WITH A DEGREE IN YOUTH MINISTRIES.

BRUNO ACCEPTED CHRIST IN 1997 WHILE AWAY AT WORD OF LIFE CAMP IN SCHROON LAKE, NY. UPON RETURNING HE BECAME HIGHLY INVOLVED IN RINGWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH IN RINGWOOD, NJ, BY USHERING, HELPING WITH AWANA AND LATER ON TO ALSO HELP LEAD THE SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP. AFTER HIS JUNIOR YEAR OF HIGH SCHOOL, HE WAS GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO WORK AT SOLID ROCK DAY CAMP, WHERE HE MET AUDREY. SINCE THEN, WE HAVE BEEN HIGHLY INVOLVED IN THE MINISTRY NOT ONLY SERVING AS COUNSELORS BUT ALSO COMPLETING INTERNSHIPS WHERE WE ARE LEARNING THE INNER WORKINGS OF A CHRISTIAN CAMP.

AS WE WORKED IN FULL-TIME MINISTRY AT SOLID ROCK DAY CAMP OVER THE SUMMERS WE FELT CALLED TO GO INTO MISSIONS. WE BEGAN PRAYING ABOUT WHAT THE LORD WOULD HAVE US DO AND DURING THE SUMMER AFTER WE MARRIED IN 2005, HE PLACED THE DESIRE IN MY HEART TO SERVE IN A CAMPING MINISTRY. IN THE SPRING OF 2006 WE JOINED A MISSION BOARD AND STARTED RAISING SUPPORT.

WE ARE NOW WORKING WITH GOSPEL MISSION OF SOUTH AMERICA AND THEY HAVE COMMISSIONED US TO DIRECT THEIR 24 ACRE CAMP IN PAYSANDU, URUGUAY. BETWEEN THE SIX CABINS AND THE LODGE, THE CAMP CAN ACCOMMODATE UP TO 150 PEOPLE. ALONG WITH THE LARGE MEETING ROOM, THERE IS A GAME ROOM AND A SWIMMING POOL. WITH THE RECENT BUILDING OF THE DIRECTOR'S HOUSE, WE WOULD BE ABLE TO LIVE ON THE PROPERTY TO BETTER OVERSEE THE CAMP. THERE ARE SATELLITE PICTURES AND OTHER PICTURES OF THE PROPERTY ON OUR WEB SITE. CURRENTLY THE CAMP RUNS SIX WEEKS OF PROGRAMMING AND THE REST OF THE YEAR, THE FACILITIES ARE RENTED OUT TO LOCAL CHURCHES, SCHOOLS AND CLUBS. TWO WEEKS ARE DESIGNATED TO TEEN CAMP SINCE ONE WEEK COULD NO LONGER ACCOMMODATE THEM. THERE IS ALSO A CHILDREN'S WEEK AND A FAMILY CAMP THAT RUN DURING THE SUMMER. A WOMEN'S RETREAT, A MEN'S RETREAT AND YOUTH WINTER CAMP MAKE UP THE REST OF THE CHURCH RUN PROGRAMMING.



MINISTRY GOALS IN URUGUAY

- CONTINUE TO HOST AND EXPAND THE CURRENT CHURCH RUN PROGRAMS
- DEVELOP A FUN AND EXCITING SUMMER CAMP REACHING OUT TO THE COMMUNITY
- PARTNER WITH AND SUPPORT THE LOCAL CHURCH
 - PROVIDING:
 - CHRIST CENTERED RETREATS TO URUGUAYAN CHURCHES
 - MISSIONS TRIP OPPORTUNITY FOR BOTH URUGUAYAN AND FOREIGN CHURCHES
 - DEVELOP AND OFFER A PROGRAM FOR THOSE WHO RENT THE PROPERTY WITH ACTIVITIES SUCH AS:
 - EXPLORATION OF SCIENCE IN CREATION
 - TEAM BUILDING WITH
 - ENGLISH CAMP

URUGUAY FACTS



CAPITAL - MONTEVIDEO

POPULATION - 3,431,932

POPULATION UNDER 14 YRS. OLD - 22.9%

LAND - 68,037 SQ. MILES (9X SIZE OF NEW JERSEY)

GOVERNMENT - DEMOCRACY

RELIGION -

- CATHOLIC (NOMINAL) - 50%*
- ATHEIST - 30%
- SPIRITIST - 12%
- CHRISTIAN - 2%
- OTHERS - 6%

**(EVEN THOUGH ROMAN CATHOLICISM CLAIMS 50% ONLY 1.2% ACTUALLY ATTEND MASS.)*

CHALLENGES FOR PRAYER

- EVANGELICAL CHURCHES HAVE STRUGGLED TO IMPACT URUGUAYAN SOCIETY
- PUBLIC SCHOOLS MAY BE OPEN TO BRINGING THEIR KIDS OUT FOR DAY TRIPS