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BY ROBERT BROUGHER, ALLIANCE FIELD LEADER FOR PARAGUAY

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When we pray, we enter into the heavenly realm, where fierce battles rage over the souls of the lost and wandering. Please remember to pray for our workers as the evil one would seek to “steal, kill, and destroy” all the good our Redeemer has wrought.

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At their baptism, the father, Fernando, shared his testimony. He previously had pneumonia and discovered that he had a three-inch hole in his lung that doctors doubted would ever close. He was told he would never work again and would be on oxygen for the rest of his life.

A few believers had been reading Scripture with Fernando. One night in the hospital he read John 11:4, “This sickness will not end in death. No, it is for God's glory so that God's Son may be glorified through it.” Fernando fell to his knees and asked God to take control of his life.

In a later doctor's visit, tests showed he no longer had a hole in his lung. Because of this miracle his wife and daughter surrendered to Christ as well. Each of them wept after their baptism, overwhelmed with emotion. We have been privileged to walk with them on this journey. Pray that through Fernando's testimony more people will surrender to Christ.

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