

# Project Paraguay

Heart Aflame ...  ... Mind Renewed

In the Service of Christ the King

September 23, 2017

Dear Friend of Project Paraguay,

It is truly encouraging to know that, “for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.” Romans 8:28.

Project Paraguay has faced many challenges and those who support PP in time and money face daily challenges in their lives, but we know that God is sovereign and has a purpose even for the most extreme trials we go through. As I write, I am focused on the extreme devastation caused by Hurricanes Harvey and Irma, and have been praying for relief from the devastation and for the families affected. It is difficult sometimes to conceptualize how such devastation can work for good for those who love God but nevertheless have to experience it. That is why God gifts us with Faith to overcome adversity and to produce good works. Faith is “the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.” Hebrews 1:1.

One of PP’s “things hoped for” was the development of a Church at Marin. Our conviction was that a piece of fallow earth would one day support a building where the Faithful could gather. That Faith held by Board members, contributors, and prayer warriors, resulted in donations of time and money. Your Faith is converting those “things not seen” into tangible visible evidence of your good works.

A special thanks goes out to the two teams this Summer that were instrumental in the foundational development of the land that PP bought in April. The leaders of both teams (Tommy Barton, Jimmie Mitchell, Chris Sicks, Joel Acevedo) and others did an outstanding job. The first team was composed of the youth of Alexandria Presbyterian Church who cut down trees, moved rocks, cleared brush, and generally prepared the land for further development. The second team composed of North Carolinians from First Presbyterian of Stanley and Virginians from a number of churches started working on a foundation and septic tank. They moved a lot of dirt and stones, dug trenches for the foundation, poured concrete, mixed mortar, and laid bricks. Tough construction work was supplemented by the team also conducting Vacation Bible Schools in Luque (El Renuevo Church), Mariano Loque Alonso, and Marin.

The ongoing theme this year for all the VBS’ was the parable of the sower. Jesus explained the parable saying, “As for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it. He indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundred-fold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.” Matthew 13:23. PP’s purpose is to sow seed in Paraguay that will bear fruit not only there but also in the lives of American

supporters who respond in Faith and participate in mission trips, in prayer, and in contributions.

In addition to VBS, Pastor Armstrong of Faith Reformed of Maryland conducted a well-attended marriage seminar for the Paraguayans and the American team members at El Renuevo. Other group activities included daily devotionals and an opportunity to sightsee/shop. But fellowship and establishing lifelong friendships with our Paraguayan brothers and sisters in Christ was clearly most valuable.

We consistently hear from trip participants how the experience of a mission trip to Paraguay broadened their horizons, gave them more of a heart for missions, and for helping those less fortunate. Their faith produced good works which resulted in greater faith in the advance of God's Kingdom. It is never too early to start planning for next year as we make trips on a yearly basis. Please let us know if God is leading you to participate in this effort.

***Please also consider making a generous contribution to the work of Project Paraguay. Contributions are fully tax-deductible under section 501(c)(3) of the tax code. Attached is a tear slip to help make your donation.*** If you can contribute monthly, the Project Paraguay website allows you to set up recurring credit card donations. This is currently our greatest need. You can contribute at the [projectparaguay.org](http://projectparaguay.org) donate page.

Thank you for your faithful prayers and actions in support of Christ's Kingdom!

For the PP Board,



Gordon Caylor  
Projects Director



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Communications Director



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Finance Director

P.S. Your past support to Project Paraguay's work is much appreciated. You will find attached a pictures page that shows pictures from the most recent Summer trips to Paraguay. For a budget of around \$57,000 per year and all our funds going to the work in Paraguay, you really get the most "bang for the buck" than any other ministry out there. God Bless.

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