

Project Paraguay

Heart Aflame ...  ... Mind Renewed

In the Service of Christ the King

April 4, 2018

Dear Friend of Project Paraguay,

“So **faith** comes from **hearing**, and **hearing** through the word of Christ.” Romans 10:17. This verse sums up the purpose for Project Paraguay, namely to proclaim the Word of Christ that people may hear it and obtain faith in the Lord and Savior.

Once the seed of faith is implanted and blossoms, that faith can figuratively move mountains. Jesus said, “If you have **faith** and do not doubt, you will not only do what has been done to the fig tree, but even if you say to this **mountain**, ‘Be taken up and thrown into the sea,’ it will happen.” Matthew 21:21. God works to grow our saving faith to produce mighty deeds for His Kingdom. In our outreaches, construction activities, and children ministries, we seek to be faith vessels for Kingdom growth.

As a Board, we stepped out of our comfort zone in December and gave the go-ahead to begin a fundraising campaign to start a school at Barrio Parque. Joy Henrichs and Pastor Chris Sicks organized this campaign and without them, it would not have been possible. We are happy to report that we now have the start-up capital for the school which will open its doors in March. We also have enough contributions to sponsor 22 students for the next year. It is thanks to the prayers, donations, and volunteer work of people like you that many children’s lives will be changed through access to education and most importantly, access to the Gospel which produces saving faith and Kingdom growth.

In Paraguay, church growth often begins with the children. Hence, the strategic importance of the school. As the mothers and fathers invariably support their children in school activities, they become exposed to the work and message of the church as well. The work of the school is invariably intertwined with the health of the church. As we provide for the children, God will grow His Kingdom.

Paraguay remains a difficult mission field for a number of reasons. One reason is the pervasive corruption that causes companies like Western Union and MoneyGram to overly scrutinize funds transfers, making it challenging for us to send money. These companies also impose strict transfer caps that are becoming inconvenient as Project Paraguay grows and needs to transfer higher amounts per transaction. We would prefer for El Renuevo to open a local account with a bank that can receive international money transfers. However, the financial system is inflexible and banks typically require a \$3,000 initial deposit and high minimum balances and they do not allow use of newly opened accounts for 3 months. These are restrictions unheard of in the United States. Since El Renuevo does not have the funds available to park in an account for three

months, they will need to rely upon us to provide the funding for the account. Please pray that we can fund an account in Paraguay and that the financial obstacles that we are encountering are alleviated.

Another issue that affects our financial procedures is the fact that much of the burden falls on Kean Hyltoft, our Finance Director, who has moved to Florida. In order to diversify the workload, we are adding Mark Locher to our finance team as co-treasurer and opening a new address for Project Paraguay where all future correspondence and contributions should be addressed: P.O. Box 129, Warrenton VA 20188.

As many know, Project Paraguay has been sending teams to Paraguay from Northern Virginia every year since 2013 and prior to that, the North Carolina Team has seldom missed a year. For a variety of reasons, the reality this year is that Project Paraguay will not be sponsoring a summer trip. However, some of our members will be traveling there at the end of July to attend a very special wedding between Saul Otono, whom some of you supported while he was a seminary student, and Joy Henrichs, a new member of the PP Board and the point-person for the Barrio Parque Child Sponsorship Program. Although there will be no formal PP trip, the renovation needs at Barrio Parque are still there: clearing/cleaning the land, erecting fencing and posts, building a men's and women's bathroom, running the plumbing from each to the septic tank, completing the septic system, then connecting the water supply. We would like to fundraise and send funds to hire local workers to accomplish some or all of these projects. If you would like to designate your contribution for this specific purpose, please write "BP Renovation" on the check memo line.

Please consider making a generous tax-deductible contribution to the work of Project Paraguay. If you can contribute monthly, the Project Paraguay website (projectparaguay.org) allows you to set up recurring credit card donations. Thank you for your faithful prayers and actions in support of Christ's Kingdom!

For the PP Board,



Gordon Caylor
Projects Director



Albert R. Veldhuyzen
Communications Director



Kean Hyltoft
Finance Director

P.S. Your past support to Project Paraguay's work is very much appreciated. For a budget of around \$50,000 per year and all our funds going to the work in Paraguay, you really get the most for your money than any other ministry. God Bless.

I/We will contribute a gift of \$_____ in support of Project Paraguay's mission.

I/We commit to making a monthly gift of \$ _____.

_____ I will set up a recurring credit card donation online at projectparaguay.org donate page (preferred option) or

_____ I pledge to send a check on a monthly basis.

Name: _____ Phone _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____ (please provide so we can update you regularly)

Contributions are tax-deductible under section 501(c)(3) of the IRS Code. Make checks payable to: Project Paraguay. *Address to: c/o Finance Director Kean Hyltoft, P.O. Box 129, Warrenton VA 20188.* If a gift is specifically designated for a particular purpose, the Board will make every effort to honor the designation, but reserves the right to redirect funds in case intended purpose becomes illegal, impractical, impossible, or if gifts received are more than required to achieve intended purpose(s).