

Project Paraguay

Heart Aflame ...  ... Mind Renewed

In the Service of Christ the King

December 8, 2018

Dear Friend of Project Paraguay,

It has been said that “no plan survives first contact with the enemy.” Project Paraguay’s Battle Plan was to prepare for building the Marin facility next Summer, but the Enemy recently made first contact and we may have to divert our course of action.

We recently learned that the walls of the septic tank at Barrio Parque Church imploded because of the unusual amounts of rain. Barrio Parque now operates on an emergency reserve—repairing the septic tank is now an immediate need. Another need that has become critical is installing soundproof walls and materials between the El Renuevo Church and the neighbor next door. The El Renuevo Session has been forced to stop the use of musical instruments because of constant complaints from the hostile neighbor and the possibility of receiving a citation from governmental officials. This is difficult given that musical instruments are a mainstay of our worship in Paraguay. While Marin has been our priority, we will have to shift our efforts on a temporary basis. We are learning that, although we may have the best laid out plans, we must remain flexible and reorient priorities in faith as God would have us do. “Many are the plans in the mind of a man, but it is the purpose of the Lord that will stand.” Proverbs 19:21

As a result of these developments, we may re-purpose our mission teams this upcoming Summer. The Northern Virginia Team comprised of 15 or more participants will depart on July 25 and return on 5 August 2018. The estimated cost per participant is \$1,600. We plan to do outreach, Vacation Bible School, and construction activities. If interested in joining us, please let us know. We also anticipate that Alexandria Presbyterian Church will send a youth team in early July.

We do have wonderful news in that Pastor Miguel Diaz’ and his wife, Pinchi’s, entry Visas into the United States have been approved by US consular officials in Paraguay. Their trip to the United States in January 2019 is an on-going answer to prayer—they will be speaking at First Presbyterian, Stanley, NC; Spriggs Road Presbyterian, Dale City, VA; LaRed Church, Woodbridge, VA; Heritage Presbyterian, Warrenton, VA; and Faith Reformed, Frederick, MD. There are other possibilities as well. We ask for continued prayer regarding the planning.

In February, we may have Pastor Maureira of the El Renuevo Church visit the United States and speak at Briarwood Presbyterian, Birmingham, AL, as well as other churches. Also, sometime next year, a delegation from Potomac Presbytery will likely travel to Paraguay to ordain additional pastors, moving us closer to the goal of establishing a purely Paraguayan-led network of Reformed Churches. The bonds of

friendship and cooperation are deepening and the work of the Gospel is going forth as the Lord commanded.

We ask for prayer that the Enemy might not be able to thwart our work either through spiritual or physical attacks on His saints. In addition to attacks mentioned earlier, a number of us (or our family members) have been suffering physical ailments. Pastor Fredi Sosa mom's is impaired neurologically requiring family assistance; Pastor Maureira's father is suffering from dementia making it difficult on the family; Pastor Joel Acevedo is taking an emergency trip to Chile in January as his mom is deteriorating fast; Kean Hyltoft was diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease; and Albert Veldhuyzen recently had an episode of blood clots producing Deep Vein Thrombosis and a pulmonary embolism. We ask for continued prayer for good health for our American and Paraguayan leaders and all of our brothers and sisters.

As you honor the Lord through prayers and support for His Church and the growth of His Kingdom, there is a biblical principle that Christ will bless you in your faithfulness. Proverbs 3:9-10, states, "Honor the Lord with your wealth and with the firstfruits of all your produce; then your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will be bursting with wine." As we plan for the upcoming year and next Summer's mission trips, we solicit your prayers and support. ***Please consider making a generous tax-deductible contribution to the work of Project Paraguay this Christmas season.*** 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! We also wish you a very Merry and God-honoring Christmas and a Blessed New Year!

For the PP Board,



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P.S. Your past support to Project Paraguay's work is very much appreciated. Our estimated budget for 2019 is \$67,000. Given that we are all unpaid volunteers, all of these funds go to the support of the work in Paraguay. You get the most "bang for the buck" in supporting Project Paraguay Foundation. God Bless.

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