

Project Paraguay

Heart Aflame ...  ... Mind Renewed

In the Service of Christ the King

April 4, 2019

Dear Friend of Project Paraguay,

Marksmanship education and firearms were once prevalent in public schools without mass shootings . . . and the Opioid/drug epidemic is reaching alarming proportions—the common denominator for these social pathologies is the loss of purpose and higher calling in our increasingly de-christianized nation. Francis Shaeffer, a pre-eminent Christian philosopher, identified the source of the problem: “Man, made in the image of God, has a purpose - to be in relationship to God, who is there. Man forgets his purpose and thus he forgets who he is and what life means.”

In the midst of social hopelessness, we are heartened by the zeal of young Christians animated with a calling beyond themselves to serve Christ and His Kingdom in the field of missions. We reviewed heartfelt quality statements by high school and college age students who are applying for Project Paraguay’s mission trip scholarship for this Summer. It was a difficult selection process. Planning for the trip this Summer is progressing nicely as we currently have 16 persons committed along with 6 others who will arrive as part of the Presbytery delegation. We still have two to four spaces on our trip. If interested, please reach out to Albert Veldhuyzen at arv@projectparaguay.org or attend the mission trip organizing meeting at Heritage Presbyterian Church in Warrenton, Virginia on April 20, 2019 at noon.

Team projects may include: build a new school room at Barrio Parque, work on the building of La Roca Church, Teach English and Vacation Bible School, and engage in outreach activities. These projects will fit into the larger vision for the Paraguayan Church to establish the new churches on a sound footing and to grow membership. As part of this effort, we are also raising up leaders—five elders from the Presbyterian Church in America will join our team on July 29, 2019 and their purpose will be to examine and ordain two pastoral candidates: Daniel Caniza, leader of La Roca mission Church; and Hugo Ovando, leader of La Pura Vida mission Church.

It’s instructive and encouraging that La Pura Vida Church, which currently meets in a garage in Asuncion, is already having an impact on interior missions: The Roman family from La Pura Vida is being sent to the city of San Estanislao to spearhead a work project where they will be in charge of protecting and helping indigenous youth from the interior of the country. They plan to develop a church in that place.

In 2018, much progress also happened at La Roca mission church. It was a year of blessing for this ministry. Thanks to your support last year, church construction began. Building a well, bathroom, and walls for an enclosure allows for outdoor church activities on the land which your generous donation provided. Also, the Sunday School

program was established with 45 children in total. Daniel Caniza and his team have been presenting the Word of God, evangelizing, and visiting families regularly. We hope to be an additional blessing this Summer helping with construction and outreach.

As many of you know, Pastor Miguel Diaz and his spouse, Pinchi, came to the U.S. and spoke to Bible Study Groups and at the following churches: Providence Christian Church, Cape Coral, FL; First Presbyterian, Stanley, NC; Berea Baptist Church, Fredericksburg, VA; Spriggs Road Presbyterian, Dale City, VA; LaRed Church, Woodbridge, VA; Heritage Presbyterian, Warrenton, VA; Alexandria Presbyterian, Alexandria, VA; and Faith Reformed, Frederick, MD. They were enthusiastically received everywhere and much interest was generated, and as a result, many signed up for the trip this Summer. Miguel and Pinchi also benefited much and developed deeper friendships with PP supporters.

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.*** If you can contribute monthly, the Project Paraguay website (projectparaguay.org) allows you to set up recurring credit card donations.

The higher calling that Project Paraguay seeks to engender from all is a commitment to the Lord's work in whatever you do and wherever you are. "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving." Colossians 3:23-24. Upon such an individual commitment multiplied many times is the Kingdom of God built and the nations of the World redeemed from the present darkness.

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

For the PP Board,



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Projects Director



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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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