

Project Paraguay

Heart Aflame ...  ... Mind Renewed

In the Service of Christ the King

December 6, 2019

Dear Friend of Project Paraguay,

Practice random acts of kindness. Many of us beholden to a regimented life of routine find it difficult to think and act outside the box, relinquish self-centeredness, and seize opportunities to bless other people unexpectedly. But that is exactly what God often calls Christians to practice. Over the past six months, we have been surprised and encouraged by some random acts of kindness.

We practice kindness because God was kind to us first by choosing to save us through His sacrifice on the Cross. "Thus says the LORD of hosts, Render true judgments, show kindness and mercy to one another." Zechariah 7:9. And the Bible is replete with acts of kindness by those motivated by God. For example, the Apostle Paul recounts an episode on Malta where, "The native people showed us unusual kindness, for they kindled a fire and welcomed us all, because it had begun to rain and was cold." Acts 28:2.

During our Summer missions trip, Kean Hyltoft and Gordon Caylor became aware that one of the children from La Roca was so poor as to not even have a pair of shoes. Impromptu, they bought him shoes. A long-time friend, John Di Leo, unexpectedly started a Facebook fundraiser for Project Paraguay on the occasion of his birthday, to which 16 people donated, raising \$500. John has done this before and so have a couple of others. Starting a fundraiser is a great way to easily reach out to your friends and family on Facebook on behalf of a great cause. We've been struck with similar acts of random unexpected kindness in the past 6 months motivated by love of God and neighbor.

To act on individual needs requires information which is often lacking. Therefore, we are committed to learning more about the individual needs of the students, parishioners, leaders, and others who are touched by the Project Paraguay ministry. We intend to create an individual needs fund from which we can draw when we learn of dire needs.

The last missions trip created a real momentum for service. Not only is there real excitement to return to Paraguay next year, there is strong interest to participate in longer-term teaching commitments with the schools. If any feel called to teach English or any other subject at either the El Renuevo or Barrio Parque Schools, please let us know. Also, please let us know if you have an interest in the missions trip next year from July 24 to August 3, 2020. Please pray and ask if you are being led to short or longer-term missions to build the Church and the Kingdom of God in Paraguay.

Additional items of prayer and praise include: (1) Thanks to God that Pastor Miguel and his wife, Clemencia, were not seriously injured in a car accident and that some of their friends spontaneously contributed to help in replacing their totaled car; (2) Praise to God that Hugo Ovando was ordained by a Potomac Presbytery Team and that he is now the fourth ordained Pastor; (3) Prayer for his stewardship and for the growth of La Pura Vida Church; (4) Prayer also for the successful completion of theological studies and ordination of Daniel Caniza, the leader of the effort to establish La Roca as a viable church; (5) Finally, praise that the Barrio Parque School was certified by the Paraguayan Ministry of Education, which was a direct result of our renovation project and the building of a wall at Barrio Parque this past Summer.

In August and September, we reported back to Heritage Presbyterian Church (Warrenton, VA) and Berea Baptist Church (Fredericksburg, VA) the results of our successful mission trip over the Summer. Since October, Kean Hyltoft and Albert Veldhuyzen have made three additional very well received presentations regarding Project Paraguay and our missions trips at the following churches: (1) Spriggs Road Presbyterian Church (Manassas, VA); (2) Providence Christian Church (Cape Coral, FL); and (3) Trinity Reformed Presbyterian Church (Burtonsville, MD). We'd like to keep the momentum going and add other churches to our speaking engagements. Please let us know if your church would like to hear a presentation regarding the Paraguay ministry.

As we keep the momentum going and plan for next year, 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.

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,



Gordon Caylor
Projects Director



Albert R. Veldhuyzen
Communications Director



Kean Hyltoft
Finance Director

P.S. Your support for 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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