Project Paraguay

Heart Aflame ... Mind Renewed

In the Service of Christ the King

March 13, 2019

Dear Friend of Project Paraguay,

Do I believe in the victory of the Lamb in history? Do I press on expectant of Kingdom growth? At this moment of trial for Christianity, do I see the hourglass half-empty or half-full? And am I consistent with my convictions? These are thoughts that entered my mind during a missions conference at in late February.

The missions conference at Providence Christian Church (FL) focused on the work in Japan and how God raised up missionaries to start a work in Chiba, Japan, resulting in numerous congregations and new Japanese Christian leaders where the Christian witness had previously never existed. An unreached people's group is being reached for the Gospel. I saw parallels with our work in Paraguay where we have an unreached people's group within walking distance of the Barrio Parque Church.

The Old Testament is clear that, "you will spread abroad to the right and to the left, and your offspring will possess the nations and will people the desolate cities." Isaiah 54:3-4. The spread of God's Word is promised in the New Testament, which states, "And this gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come." Matthew 24:14. And finally, the Lamb of God will put all things under his authority through the overcomers who remain faithful to the vision of the Kingdom--we will reign with Him in the new Earth: "The one who conquers and who keeps my works until the end, to him I will give authority over the nations." Revelation 2:26.

There are obvious immediate needs and obstacles that demand attention and which can demoralize absent a focus on the big picture. But reflecting on the tremendous progress over the past 16 years when two of us made our first missions trip to Paraguay, we can affirm that God is faithfully at work and building His Church despite our failings. From a plot of land bought on a credit card for \$5,000, we now have three functioning churches with their own buildings (one rented, two owned) and ordained pastors, and a fourth church being formed spiritually and physically by a pastoral candidate on land recently purchased. The struggle continues and the work of redemption goes on.

For this year, there are two trips planned--one in April and one in July. The first trip is from April 23-30, and it is being organized by First Presbyterian Church in Stanley, North Carolina. Currently, there are 9 people going but more are welcome. If interested, you may fly directly from anywhere in the US and join the team on April 23rd. The team will be doing construction at La Roca Church and conducting 7 Bible Schools at the different church sites. In addition to your plane ticket, we estimate costs would

run an additional \$600 (\$300 each for food/lodging and construction materials). Please let us know at your earliest if interested or have questions.

The second ministry window of opportunity will be from July 6 to August 6, 2020. We are structuring this so that participants, depending on their commitments and schedules, can participate for a week, two weeks, three weeks, or the full month. We anticipate organizing Bible Schools at the 4 Church plants, English classes for students at the two schools and for adults in the evening, and a health fair the last week of July. Additionally, there will be opportunities to interact and fellowship with our Paraguayan brothers and sisters and to do some sightseeing as well. In addition to your individual plane ticket, cost per day per participant would be approximately \$35, which includes lodging and food. This ministry opportunity is structured so as to provide maximum flexibility to participants regarding their length of stay and from where they travel. The two major carriers from locations in the U.S. to Paraguay are COPA and Avianca. Please email or call us if you have questions.

Please seriously consider these ministry opportunities. We also solicit your prayers as we prepare for Pastor Maureira's visit to the United States in October when he will speak to many of our ministry partner churches.

As we prepare for this Summer and beyond, we ask for the Lord's guidance and for any suggestions and input you may have. *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!

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