

Project Paraguay

Heart Aflame ...  ... Mind Renewed

In the Service of Christ the King

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Dear Friend of Project Paraguay,

Jesus is in the business of changing lives for His Glory! "If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold the new has come." 2 Corinthians 5:17. Those who become Christians are "born-again," and those who already are believers are progressively transformed and their minds are habitually renewed in order to discern the will of God. Romans 12:2. Lives were changed and minds renewed on our trip to Paraguay this Summer.

One of our purposes was to upgrade the Barrio Parque Church through new paint and a new wall that would meet standards for an approved school. We achieved much more than anticipated and the wall is now complete (see attached pictures page). This structural upgrade along with other improvements such as implementing a fire plan are critical to obtaining Government approval to add new grades and students. Our work enables new possibilities for the school and hopefully, new beginnings for many students exposed to the Gospel and Christian education.

The Vacation Bible School Team ministered to over 150 enthusiastic children at El Renuevo, Barrio Parque, and at La Roca mission. Seeds for the Gospel were abundantly planted by these VBS presentations as well as by our neighborhood outreaches at Marin on behalf of La Roca Church, in Asuncion for the Pura Vida Church, and at Barrio Parque among an unreached indigenous people's group. We found the people we met were very friendly and open to discussing spiritual matters. We pray that our work will bear fruit for the Gospel and lead to changed lives.

Our activities were made possible by the solid team of leaders God has blessed us with in Paraguay, and a few deserve special mention. Pastor Maureira's (El Renuevo Senior Pastor) tremendous vision and energy has brought us where we are today. Lilianna Ayala's (church secretary) meticulous organization and attention to detail engenders confidence and accomplishments. Pastor Fredi Sosa's (El Renuevo Assistant Pastor) wisdom and tireless work as Pastor Maureira's right hand man make him an unsung hero at times. Pastor Miguel Diaz's (Pastor of Barrio Parque) practical know-how, organizational skills, and engaging personality, make him the indispensable man for construction projects and essential link to mission teams. Hugo Ovando, Pastor to be ordained in October by a Potomac Presbytery Team, acted upon a vision to establish La Pura Vida, a Reformed evangelical church in Asuncion, and his initiative is paving the way for great things. Finally, Daniel Caniza, Pastor-in-waiting of the La Roca mission, is completing his Seminary studies, and his commitment to Kingdom growth will produce much fruit in and around Marin.

The leaders, and in particular, Pastor Maureira, have a grand vision of a ministry campus of five acres near Luque that would include a seminary, a church, a school, a medical clinic, and sports facilities. They have an exciting vision that Project Paraguay would like to help them achieve. It is a privilege to share in their enthusiasm for Christ's Kingdom in Paraguay.

The experience of our 10 days with our brothers and sisters changed many of our lives and perspectives. All of us now want to remain engaged in the Project's work and many are making plans to return. A teacher who attends McLean Bible is making plans to come back for three months to teach at the El Renuevo School next year. A number of the teenagers vowed to redouble their efforts to learn Spanish in order to communicate better when they return. Our team's cohesiveness and unity of purpose was second to none and the enthusiasm was contagious. Our minds were renewed by the experience.

We would like you to share in that enthusiasm by tasting a bit of what we experienced in Paraguay. Please visit our Project Paraguay 2019 Trip Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1170389969829149/>. Please also take a look at the video that Samara and Rachel Sandifer produced encapsulating the highlights of our trip, which includes two short interviews with Pastors Maureira and Diaz: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H0sBX9Yo4wk&feature=youtu.be>. You can also access the video by visiting the first page of projectparaguay.org and clicking the prominently displayed link.

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!

For the PP Board,



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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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