

Project Paraguay Trip--July 29 - August 9, 2021

To Albert Veldhuyzen <arv1963@comcast.net>

Dear Friend of Project Paraguay,

I am writing to you today because you were either a participant in a prior trip to Paraguay, a Church leader who may be able to raise awareness, or someone who has indicated an interest in participating this year. If you are interested in participating (or know someone who is), please let me know by the end of February and provide Project Paraguay with a \$100 deposit in March. You may do so by mailing a check or contributing online (make sure you indicate "Trip Deposit" on the online form): <https://projectparaguay.org/mail/>

The ministry window for this year's trip is July 29 to August 9. In the past, we have typically had an advance team and a main team that arrived together on a group flight. We will be doing things differently. The attached PDF slide details some important information. I anticipate some flying from Florida and others from Northern Virginia. Each person will be responsible for obtaining their own tickets unless you have a strong preference otherwise. This setup will allow for maximum flexibility for all parties. You control your schedule and can come to Paraguay earlier than the ministry window if you wish. It appears that flights will be cheaper than usual this year. My search for a COPA flight (detailed in the attached slide) produced a cost of \$850. Also, typically, Avianca is a few hundred dollars cheaper than COPA. It will therefore be your choice which airline to fly and when you get down to Paraguay. The only requirement is to provide Project Paraguay with \$600 (minus \$100 deposit) by June 30, 2021 for food, lodging and materials.

As we did last year, we intend to provide two fully paid scholarships which will cover the cost of the trip (airline + lodging + materials). If you wish to apply, please let me know.

Because of the pandemic, Paraguay has tightened requirements for entry. In addition to the usual VISA requirements, Paraguay now requires a certification from your health insurance company that you are covered for any medical emergencies in Paraguay. Also, a negative COVID test within 72 hours of entry and submission of an online health form within 24 hours of the flight are now required in order to avoid a 14 day quarantine upon arrival. It's advisable (but not necessarily required as of yet) to get a COVID vaccination and update other vaccinations that are listed on the online health form. See http://dgvs.mspbs.gov.py/webdgvs/views/paginas/vista_viajeros_nor.html

For any updates to these and other requirements, please check our website page: <https://projectparaguay.org/take-action/>. Also, please feel free to email me and let me know of your interest. Once we have a good idea of those committed to the trip, we will conduct a couple of Zoom sessions (probably late March and mid-May) to introduce each other and familiarize ourselves with trip milestones and necessary preparation.

After a one-year hiatus because of COVID, I'm really looking forward to renewing friendships in Paraguay. Also, I'm very much looking forward to working with you as a team member in the growth of God's Kingdom in Paraguay.

In Christ,

Albert Veldhuyzen
Executive Director
Project Paraguay Foundation

- Trip Info slide 2021.pdf (30 KB)

2021 Trip Information

- **Ministry Window Dates: July 29 – August 9, 2021.**
- **Total Cost: Airfare (possibly \$850) + Lodging/Food: \$400 + Materials: \$200.**
- **Deposit Payment: \$100, preferably by March 15, 2021.**
- **Airfare option: Purchase yourself or provide PP with funds to purchase. No group fares this year. For NOVA, suggest COPA Airlines flights CM 357 & 207 (IAD to ASU) and CM 206 & 304 (ASU to IAD). FL also has flights on July 29 and Aug 9. Avianca is another option.**
- **Due Date for Remainder (\$600): June 30, 2021.**
- **Trip Purpose: Minor construction at La Roca and set up medical clinic, and outreach/educational/ fellowship activities at various churches. One day at Eco Reserva Mbatovi.**