

Project Paraguay

Heart Aflame ...  ... Mind Renewed

In the Service of Christ the King

March 13, 2021

Dear Friend of Project Paraguay,

The Gospel is a reasonable faith. We need not jump out in some irrational blind leap of faith, as supposed by some theologians. Gordon H. Clark stated, "Christianity includes the primacy of the intellect and the sovereign claims of truth. There is no antithesis between the head and the heart, no depreciation of intellectual belief." It is precisely because the evidence to support our faith is prevalent in nature, that those who fail to acknowledge God are without excuse. Romans 1:20. The Evidence is there in nature and in His Revelation in Christ as related in the Holy Scriptures, and that Evidence Demands a Verdict of surrender by each of us.

As Christians, we seek to surrender our wills, desires, thoughts and plans to the Lord's leading. Despite the multiple obstacles put in our way by often misguided Government responses to the COVID crisis, it is our firm belief, as the Board of Project Paraguay (PP), that the Lord is calling us to resume our yearly mission trips to Paraguay this Summer. The reasons are many: First, the COVID crisis has resulted in many human, financial, and spiritual needs both within and outside of the Paraguayan Church community. It is precisely at a time of need that God calls Christians to step into the gap and minister. Second, PP has been blessed with resources and members willing to go and we dare not, under the guise of security, hide our light under a bushel, so to speak. Third, the evidence leads us to believe that planning a trip this summer is feasible and not a fool's errand.

The decrease in COVID lethality, the deployment of effective vaccines, and the Paraguayan Government's implementation of a protocol that avoids quarantine, makes organizing a trip possible. In addition to the usual VISA requirements, Paraguay now requires a health insurance company certification that one is covered for any medical emergencies in Paraguay. Also, Paraguay requires a negative COVID test dated within 72 hours before entry and the online submission of a health form within 24 hours prior to the flight. Although this increases our logistical burdens, these additional annoyances are not show-stoppers and should not hinder our desire to propagate the Gospel in Paraguay. Because a trip is reasonably possible, we must believe that God will ordain all things for our good as we plan our steps in faith and prayer.

We ask for prayer that our plans will be rooted in wisdom and the Lord's guidance. "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart." Jeremiah 29:11-13.

Our hope is to organize a team that will might do some construction, visit Ebenezer, and help Barrio Parque with food distribution and Bible classes to an indigenous people's group in the area. We also expect to organize a medical clinic. Please let us know if you are interested in participating. To get an idea of our activities during a Summer mission trip, please view the attached link of our 2019 trip:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H0sBX9Yo4wk&feature=youtu.be>

Please also pray for some very human needs. We lift up Noemi Mendoza whose father, Alfredo, died a few weeks ago as a result of pneumonia. This is a double-blow to her and family because her brother-in-law also died a few days before from heart problems. Noemi, Ignacio (her husband), and Alfredo have always been very hospitable to our visiting teams, selflessly hosting many of us in their houses. We have a praise report from Angela, Pastor Maureira's wife, who underwent thyroid surgery, is recovering, and doing well. Also, we are thankful that the El Renuevo School has opened up for in-person instruction.

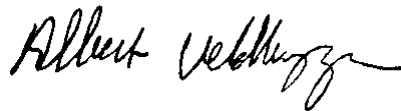
It is challenging time for the Barrio Parque and El Renuevo Schools that have lost much tuition support during their period of COVID closure. They have much work to do to recruit back some students and families. Please consider sponsoring a child for \$50 per month: <https://projectparaguay.org/school/>. For more on the school, please check out our PP Blog at: <https://projectparaguay.org/blog/parque-school-report-2020/>
In this challenging time, consider making a generous contribution to Project Paraguay. Also, a way to support PP that will cost you absolutely nothing is to shop at smile.amazon.com—please set your default charity to Project Paraguay.

In every area of life, let us take up the whole armor of God to battle physical and spiritual evil, "bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ." 2 Cor. 10:5. As we emerge from the COVID pandemic, may we renew our resolve and commitment to grow the Kingdom of God at home, in Paraguay, and to the ends of the Earth in obedience to the Great Commission. Blessings to you and to your family!

For the PP Board,



Gordon Caylor
Projects Director



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Finance Director

P.S. The pictures page shows some of the recipients of Christmas gifts that PP provided in December. Your support for Project Paraguay's work is very much appreciated. Our estimated budget for 2021 is \$51,242. Given that we are all unpaid volunteers, all of these funds go to the support of the work in Paraguay. Thank you for your faithful prayers and actions in support of Christ's Kingdom! God Bless.

I/We will contribute a gift of \$ _____ in support of Project Paraguay's mission.

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