

Project Paraguay

Heart Aflame ...  ... Mind Renewed

In the Service of Christ the King

June 18, 2021

Dear Friend of Project Paraguay,

The Lord is the great healer, both spiritually and physically. Mercy ministries and physical healing have been an integral part of the mission of the Church since Jesus walked the Earth. In fact, He commands both healing and proclaiming the Word: "Heal the sick in it [the town] and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.'" Luke 10:9. It is undisputable that the modern medical system exists today as a result of the early pioneering work of Christians who healed the sick and established hospitals. Physical and spiritual healing have always been integral to the Good News of Salvation. "How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who publishes peace, who brings good news of happiness, who publishes salvation, who says to Zion, 'Your God reigns.'" Isaiah 52:7.

Project Paraguay's mission this Summer is to bring the Good News of spiritual and physical healing as we prepare for our first ever mission trip that incorporates a medical fair and home visits to the sick. It will be a small team of five spearheaded by a licensed nurse, Joselyn, in collaboration with our Medical Director, Jen, who will participate remotely. Such a mission is especially appropriate this year as COVID-19 is ravaging Paraguay while subsiding in the United States. The highest daily average of cases was reported on May 26, 2021 and as I write, Paraguay is reporting around 2,800 new infections daily which is 91% of the peak. The hospitals are full and there is no hospital bed capacity left. Paraguay is also way behind other nations in its vaccination program as it has only vaccinated 2.9% of its population using primarily the Russian and Chinese vaccines. Paraguay averages the administration of 9,000 doses of vaccine per day and at this rate, it will take another 6 months to cover just 10% of the population (data taken from <https://graphics.reuters.com/world-coronavirus-tracker-and-maps/countries-and-territories/paraguay/>).

COVID has affected our church family personally as two young brothers of a church member died as a result of contracting it. Despite Paraguay's young population, COVID symptoms have been severe and have affected our Church family. Pastor Diaz of Barrio Parque Church had to be hospitalized and is still having trouble regaining full respiratory function. Pastor Ovando of Pura Vida Church caught COVID twice and our school principal Narciso Britez also was hospitalized for COVID. Alcida Britez, wife of church elder Cesar Franco, is recovering slowly from COVID and Raquel Greco, wife of an elder candidate also suffers from COVID. Regarding other health concerns, Angela, wife of Pastor Maureira, is recovering quickly from a thyroid operation and Deidi is also recovering from cancer surgery. Please pray for these church leaders and family members afflicted with medical issues.

The COVID crisis brings with it many medical and mental conditions that go untreated because of the lockdowns and singular focus on COVID. This is where we believe our team can be valuable, by providing medical counsel and bringing down over-the-counter medicines, creams, sprays, and other items to fight against other diseases such as Dengue Fever which sickens and kills many people every single year. Last year, a church family member died of Dengue. We ask for prayer that our team may be guided by wisdom as we prepare and may be kept safe as we minister to people's needs.

Prayer is also requested for the Government of Paraguay—that leaders may make wise decisions regarding the pandemic and take into consideration the spiritual and religious rights of the people—the very real need for open schools and churches where people can be nourished intellectually, spiritually, and sacramentally. In so many material ways, the U.S. is far superior but spiritual poverty is engulfing our culture, so as a nation, we also need fervent prayer—"For you say, I am rich, I have prospered, and I need nothing, not realizing that you are wretched, pitiable, poor, blind, and naked." Revelation 3:17.

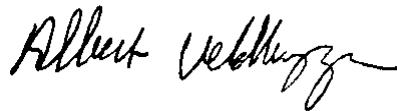
For the latest regarding the Barrio Parque School, please check out our PP Blog (<https://projectparaguay.org/blog/message-to-barrio-parque-supporters-may-2021/>). Please also consider a generous contribution towards the purchase of anti-mosquito sprays to control Dengue, medicines, and other medical supplies that the Missions Team can bring down to Paraguay this Summer.

On an administrative note, in an effort to effectively manage our resources, please review the next page, indicate whether you would like to remain on the physical mailing list or just receive the email version of the newsletter in the future. Then please return the page in the enclosed envelope. We thank you for your partnership with us as we seek to minister to Paraguayans and build God's Kingdom there. Blessings to you and to your family!

For the PP Board,



Gordon Caylor
Projects Director



Albert R. Veldhuyzen
Executive Director



Kean Hyltoft
Finance Director

P.S. The pictures page shows some photos of our Treasurer, Kean Hyltoft's trip to Paraguay last month. His willingness to go and his moral support in a difficult time was much appreciated. Your support for Project Paraguay's work is also 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.

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