

# Project Paraguay

Heart Aflame ...  ... Mind Renewed

In the Service of Christ the King

December 10, 2021

Dear Friend of Project Paraguay,

The U.S. Holiday Season begins with Thanksgiving and ends with Christmas, but both are occasions for thanksgiving to God—the first for giving us food and the necessities of life and the second, for providing a Savior of our souls.

In 1623, Governor Bradford of the Pilgrim's Plymouth Colony made the first Thanksgiving Proclamation, writing: "Inasmuch as the great Father has given us this year an abundant harvest of Indian corn, wheat, peas, beans, squashes, and garden vegetables, and has made the forests to abound with game and the sea with fish and clams, and inasmuch as He has protected us from the ravages of the savages, has spared us from pestilence and disease, has granted us freedom to worship God according to the dictates of our own conscience . . . ."

This past Thanksgiving at the International Christian Community of Marseille, France, I (Albert Veldhuyzen) had the opportunity to tell Governor Bradford's remarkable story of hardship, blessing, and thanksgiving—a profound testimony of Christian faith and dedication. I was also able to provide a presentation about Project Paraguay at Pastor Chenette's homegroup—our first presentation outside of the U.S. I also made two other Paraguay presentations this past month—at the church service of Berea Baptist Church (Fredericksburg, VA), and at the Sunday School of Providence Christian Church (Cape Coral, FL). See the videos at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/pptrips>. I'm thankful that these supportive churches provided me opportunities to spread the message of Project Project. If your church would like and update or to learn about our work, please contact me.

Although we have not all been spared from the pestilence of COVID-19 and the subsequent government restrictions on the freedom to worship God corporately, we can nevertheless be very thankful for His many blessings, and even times of persecution have historically led to church growth and strengthened Christian commitment, notably in the Roman Empire and also in current-day China. Thus, we read that we should "give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." 1 Thessalonians 5:18.

We give thanks during times of hardship and trial because we know that all things work together for good for those who are called according to his purpose. Romans 8:28. As an example, a couple years ago, Ebenezer Church endured uncertainty and hardship when their meeting place was taken from them. But God used this episode to miraculously bless Ebenezer through a generous donor who donated a piece of land with two buildings—without Ebenezer first losing its meeting place, this

blessing would not have happened. As Job and Joseph of the Old Testament can attest, God uses trials and difficulties to ultimately bless His People.

We praise God that, during the COVID Pandemic, we are seeing a renewed spiritual hunger for the Gospel truth in Paraguay. We also praise Him for the recent easing of travel restrictions (elimination of Visa and quarantine requirements) which opens the path forward for organizing a big team to go to Paraguay next Summer. Housing a big team will also be simpler as our Team House construction is going very well (see Pictures Page). Please pray for all three of us as we prepare to go to Paraguay for three weeks (end January-February 2022) to participate in Ebenezer Church's annual camp, to check up on the Team House construction, and to lay the groundwork for the Summer missions trip. For more information about participating this Summer, please visit our website at: <https://projectparaguay.org/mt-content/uploads/2021/12/2022-trip-information.pdf>

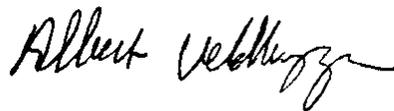
For Christmas, Project Paraguay is providing each young person involved in our five churches and two schools with a special Christmas gift and each church and school will also receive a special bonus from us. However, our gifts are a token of the Free Gift that the Lamb of God bestowed on us, as His sacrifice meant the paying of our sins and our opportunity to be His fellow heirs in glory. "Blessing and glory and wisdom and **thanksgiving** and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever!" Revelation 7:12.

We ask for your continued partnership, generosity, and prayers as we minister to Paraguayans and build God's Kingdom there. To stay abreast of happenings, please visit our Blog at <https://projectparaguay.org/blog/>. Blessings to you and to your family during this Christmas season!

For the PP Board,



Gordon Caylor  
Projects Director



Albert R. Veldhuyzen  
Executive Director



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Finance Director

P.S. The pictures page shows some photos of our church presentations and Team House construction. Your support for Project Paraguay's work is very much appreciated. Our estimated budget for 2022 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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