

Project Paraguay

Heart Aflame ...  ... Mind Renewed

In the Service of Christ the King

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Dear Friend of Project Paraguay,

When the Gospel goes forth and the Kingdom advances, you can be sure that the Devil will strike and seek to discourage God's people. However, Martin Luther, the great Reformer, reminds us that, "though this world with devils filled should threaten to undo us; We will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to triumph through us. The Prince of Darkness grim, we tremble not for him; His rage we can endure, for lo, his doom is sure; One little word shall fell him." A Mighty Fortress is Our God.

Over the past year, so much progress was made to establish La Roca Church. Project Paraguay built a sanctuary and equipped it with electricity, lighting, fans, and bathrooms. On our mission trip last year, we focused on the neighborhood, organized a medical fair, and focused on the people's needs. Under the leadership of Narciso Britez, people are joining the Church and being fed God's Word. With so much good happening at La Roca, the Enemy was bound to strike back. And so, on the night of February 23rd, Satan inspired some of his minions to sledgehammer a hole in the concrete wall of the Church building and steal fans and light fixtures, undoing some of the work our missions team accomplished last Summer. See attached pictures.

However, this attack against Christ's Church will only inspire us to refocus on La Roca and build back better! We are considering various options to strengthen security. We will build a wall around the property and possibly a pastoral residence where we can always have somebody on the premises. Please pray for this situation, consider contributing to our construction fund (<https://projectparaguay.org/donate/>), and becoming a part of the missions' team this Summer, which will work at La Roca.

We have great news regarding our other location, Barrio Parque. This past January, the new classroom was finished (see attached picture) but now the hard work begins to fund and admit more students. Admitting students is not a problem as there is more demand than Barrio Parque can handle—the real problem lies in the funding. The Barrio Parque model is to provide 100% free education by ensuring that each student is sponsored by one of you at \$50 per month. If you are already a child sponsor, we thank you very much! Now however, we need 5 more child sponsors immediately with a longer-term goal of 25. Our goal is to double enrollment which will require doubling the number of contributors who sponsor a child at \$50 per month. Can you be one of those child sponsors helping provide a solid Christian academic formation to these students in need? If the Lord leads, please sign up at <https://projectparaguay.org/school/>

As mentioned, we will focus this Summer Missions' Trip on La Roca—building a wall, conducting Vacation Bible School and a medical fair, and outreach to the local community with the love of Jesus Christ. Depending on the size of the team, we may also help El Renuevo with certain renovations. Both Jen Finelli, our Medical Director, and Albert Veldhuyzen, our Executive Director will travel to Paraguay in April to lay the groundwork for our medical missions and Summer Missions Trip. An advance team in July will also ensure no details are missed. We are hopeful to have as big of a team as we did in 2019, returning to pre-pandemic levels of participation. See 2019 video here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H0sBX9Yo4wk>

We are hopeful for a big team because of the outpouring of support wherever we have presented the Project recently, and a sense that the Church needs to regain lost time because of the Pandemic. We received encouragement and interest at Alexandria Presbyterian Church (VA), Providence Christian Church (FL), Church of Christian Liberty (IL), Berea Baptist (VA), 1st Presbyterian (NC), Briarwood (AL), and Gainesville PCA (VA). If interested in participating, please email Albert Veldhuyzen at lexrex5@gmail.com.

Mission work and support for missions is an opportunity to obey Christ's Great Commission and defeat the Devil. As believers, we are called to: "Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms." Ephesians 6:11-12.

We thank you for your partnership in this cosmic battle for the souls of men and women everywhere.

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 of the recent happenings in Paraguay. Your support for Project Paraguay's work is very much appreciated. Our estimated budget for 2023 is \$66,537. Given that we are all unpaid volunteers, these funds go directly 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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