

Project Paraguay

Heart Aflame ...  ... Mind Renewed

In the Service of Christ the King

September 18, 2023

Dear Friend of Project Paraguay,

The Lord has instructed us to “let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.” Matthew 5:16. Our objective this Summer was to spread the Gospel through Word and Deed and thereby glorify Jesus our Savior and King.

We organized two very successful medical fairs at Barrio Parque and La Roca Churches. This outreach spanned three people groups: needy mixed Paraguayans, Mbya Guarani, and Ava Guarani indigenous peoples. We provided equal care for more well to do Paraguayans as for very poor Paraguayans, and received multiple comments that they cannot get this level of attention normally. We focused on depth rather than breadth to increase the individual impact and the probability of a long-term outcome change. Every one of our patients is now armed with more new tools both materially and intellectually to help others. This is a recap of our accomplishments:

- * Quality heart health education and vitals screening for 62 people and 55 cardiology visits including one for a patient with palpitations as a result of an electricity injury;
- * 55 contact numbers to the churches for future outreach;
- * prescriptions for vaginal infections and/or serious discomfort for about 4 women;
- * sexual health education or counseling to about 32 people;
- * 12 in-depth screening ultrasounds (to include two that identified fetal ventriculomegaly and possible hydrocephalus, one gall stone screening, one tumor identification);
- * breast cancer screening education for 12 women, with actual breast exam for one;
- * medications for menstrual pain, chikungunya/dengue fever, allergies, lifesaving mosquito prevention, and prenatal/postnatal/men's/aged/children's specialized vitamins to 62 people;
- * prayer, evangelism, and faith reinforcement to 62 people.

In addition to the evangelistic outreach through medical fairs to the Barrio Parque and La Roca communities, we had the opportunity to go to the indigenous settlement close to Barrio Parque and distribute food, audio bibles, and plant fruit trees for their benefit. We are clearly having an impact among the indigenous community, and we ask for prayer for one person in particular, Tomasa, who is the first in her community to be baptized at Barrio Parque Church earlier this year. She was assaulted and left with a bloody face, and we suspect that this was the result of proclaiming her newfound faith through baptism—this act is considered by many as a betrayal of Mbya culture and roots.

Additionally, our Team did construction work at La Roca and El Renuevo Churches. At La Roca, the electrical connection to the Church was recently severed because thieves decided to steal the copper wires to sell them. We fixed the problem and dug a trench for an electrical conduit from the street to the Church. We also painted the Wall that Project Paraguay had paid to have built this past Spring. At El Renuevo, we helped paint and renovate the Church building.

The Team also had the opportunity to visit with the students of Barrio Parque and El Renuevo Schools where we passed out some treats, were entertained by the students, and had an opportunity to share the Gospel in song and through testimonies.

As with all our mission trips, we also took some time to sightsee and shop, and a group of us went to the Eco Reserva Mbatovi where we trekked through the Paraguayan forest and participated in some extreme sports such as rappelling and ziplining. To view our outreach and adventures, please visit:
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/pptrips>

Last but not least, we deepened our friendships with our Paraguayan brothers and sisters and gained a better understanding of their challenges, which will enable us to more effectively work with them and support their needs.

We broke new ground in the areas of indigenous outreach and medical fairs, and clearly changed people's lives through our activities. It is thanks to the prayers and support of people like you that lives are changed, and men, women, and children are healed physically and spiritually.

May the Lord bless you as you walk with Him!

For the PP Board,



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P.S. The pictures page shows some of our activities during the Mission Trip. 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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