

# Project Paraguay

Heart Aflame ...  ... Mind Renewed

In the Service of Christ the King

December 15, 2023

Dear Friend of Project Paraguay,

As we reflect on our journey of faith as this year draws to a close, we are reminded of our many blessings and that “God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.” Romans 8:28.

The year started out with many uncertainties, but the Lord has blessed Project Paraguay with great opportunities upon which we were able to capitalize. Building upon the progress of the previous year at La Roca, we built a wall around the property, obtained an electrical hookup, and installed electricity to the Church. Our goal for 2024 is to build a parsonage, which will provide housing for a needy church member and improve the security situation at La Roca, which has endured break-ins and robbery. Unattended properties are easily targeted in Paraguay. We are seeking to raise \$10,000 for this project. In most other countries, building a habitable home would cost way more than \$10,000, which gives you an idea of how far your money goes in Paraguay!

This past Summer, Project Paraguay organized two medical fairs that were by far the most in-depth and helpful to the patients served. We had two nurses and two doctors who provided outstanding care especially in the areas of cardiology and women’s health issues. For the first time, we established numerous health stations to provide basic medications, preventive health counseling, and collect basic data such as Body Mass Index to calculate the risks of death which was helpful not only for medical purposes but also for spiritual counseling. The most important table was the one occupied by the Pastor! Next year, we would like to build upon the success of the medical fairs and add a veterinary fair to help not only the animals but also their owners who would be grateful for healthy livestock and pets.

Another first for Project Paraguay was ministering to an indigenous community by distributing food, audio bibles, and planting fruit trees for their benefit. We praise God that members of this community now attend the Barrio Parque Church and that for the first time ever, a family chose baptism at the Church despite opposition within the indigenous community. Mbya baptisms are rare to non-existent because it is considered a betrayal of indigenous customs. In October, Project Paraguay deepened our involvement with indigenous peoples by paying for weekly transportation for eight members of another community 40 minutes away to attend Sunday services at Barrio Parque Church. In 2024, our ministry to build God’s Kingdom among the Ava and Mbya Guarani will continue and deepen through the building of relationships and providing physical and spiritual healing. A priority for Project Paraguay is to purchase a mobile

clinic van that can be driven to these indigenous communities to provide needed medical attention because these communities are often isolated, and it is difficult and costly for the inhabitants to travel to seek attention for their basic needs. We estimate the cost of such a mobile van to be \$20,000.

Other significant actions Project Paraguay (PP) accomplished this year: 1. Providing a monthly stipend to Nahara Lindstrom to study medicine. She had faithfully volunteered in the Ebenezer Medical Clinic and was highly recommended. PP ratified a legal document in Paraguay that, as a condition for our financial support, Nahara would volunteer for the Ebenezer Clinic and for PP upon graduation. 2. Establishing a monthly salary for Narciso Britez, our Pastor-in-training of La Roca Church. Narciso has excelled in his Seminary classes and providing a salary helps in his eventual transition away from being the headmaster of the El Renuevo School to becoming a full-time Pastor.

December is the key month for us to focus on the New Year's planning and a key priority is our next missions' trip which will occur from 12-23 July 2024. It is important for us to establish the team early so we can plan appropriate activities based on the size, skills, and composition of the team. Therefore, if you are interested, please let us know right away. Another priority is to establish our budget for the next year, and December is our key fundraising month that will set the tone for what is achievable in the New Year. Therefore, please consider a big contribution this month and you are welcome to designate it for the medical van, parsonage construction, or some other purpose. Please fill out the attached form or visit <https://projectparaguay.org/donate/>

We are thankful for each and every one of our supporters and wish you a wonderful Christ-centered Christmas and a successful God-honoring New Year!

For the PP Board,



Gordon Caylor  
Projects Director



Albert R. Veldhuyzen  
Executive Director



Kean Hyltoft  
Finance Director

P.S. The pictures page shows some of our accomplishments this year. Your support for Project Paraguay's work is very much appreciated. 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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