

Project Paraguay

Heart Aflame ...  ... Mind Renewed

In the Service of Christ the King

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Dear Friend of Project Paraguay,

John Newton, former slave trader, composed “Amazing Grace” and penned the memorable words, “I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.” Jesus also explained He came to Earth to fulfill the prophecy of Isaiah 61: “The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because He has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.” Luke 4:18-20.

Jesus gave sight to the spiritually blind Newton, but in His ministry, He also healed actual blind people—the physical healing a foreshadowing of the generational work of the Holy Spirit in lifting nations and individuals from the depths of spiritual blindness. A wonderful new movie that explores this theme of healing physical and spiritual blindness is **Sight** (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d3cc85BmE7g>). As instruments of our God, Project Paraguay’s mission this Summer and always is to bring physical and spiritual healing to the poor and oppressed, and sight to the blind to set them free through God’s Grace.

In our last letter discussing goals for our April trip, we noted our intent to buy a van for our mobile medical clinic and to start the process of building a parsonage at La Roca Church. Thanks to your faithful support, we were able to accomplish both goals!

Once equipped and converted, the van will serve the medical needs of the poorest Paraguayans unable to travel for healthcare—we will bring healthcare to them! We also purchased a Toyota passenger van which will give us an independent mode of transporting our teams in Paraguay. The original idea was to purchase one vehicle for both purposes but in our search, we realized that we could obtain two vehicles for the price of one and avoid the hassle of taking out seats and putting seats back every time we want to switch purposes.

We were also able to raise sufficient funds to begin construction of the parsonage (see pictures). The team will put down the tile floor, connect electricity, and otherwise finish the construction project in July, just in time for a medical fair at LaRoca on July 19th. Another medical fair is planned the day before at Barrio Parque and our Vacation Bible School Team will entertain and present Gospel themes to the neighborhood kids at both churches, and both schools when classes resume on July 22nd. We are also planning a tract distribution and evangelization campaign at the Pura

Vida Church in downtown Asuncion on Sunday July 21st. As you can see, we have a full schedule planned for our 22-person team, one of the biggest to come to Paraguay.

In preparation to accomplish these goals, we are relying on the good graces of the sending churches and their congregations in Virginia, North Carolina, and Florida, to provide the over-the-counter medicines necessary for our medical fairs. We do need to raise some funds for medicines that we intend to purchase in Paraguay. Project Paraguay will also provide scholarships to two deserving trip participants. If you would like to donate towards these efforts, please do so at <https://projectparaguay.org/donate/>

We are excited by the diversity and skills of our participants. Seven of us speak fluent Spanish which is a record, and we have a doctor and three nurses as well as skilled electricians, teachers, and others who will contribute greatly towards making this trip a success. They also represent a variety of evangelical faith backgrounds from many different churches. Please pray that we will successfully wrap up our planning for this exciting mission trip at our final meeting on June 24th.

May the Spirit of the Lord be upon us as we go forth to teach the children about the Good News and as we spread His Word to neighborhoods and invite people to be healed from physical ailments and spiritual blindness. Pray for us as we serve as God's instruments for opening eyes and giving sight in a world of darkness and sin. May we have the privilege to bring the joy of the Lord's Salvation, so that some will proclaim as Newton did: "I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see."

We are thankful for each of you as you partner with us to bring the Light of the Gospel of Grace to a lost and fallen World!

For the PP Board,



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P.S. 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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