

# Project Paraguay

Heart Aflame ...  ... Mind Renewed

In the Service of Christ the King

March 22, 2025

Dear Friend of Project Paraguay,

We praise God from whom all blessings flow! “Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.” Hebrews 11:1.

In our last Newsletter, we wrote that the El Renuevo School closed its doors permanently and that the School was legally required to pay a retirement pension to its teachers. This would potentially put the Church building in jeopardy, but thankfully, over the last three months, churches of the Potomac Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church in America came through and raised all the funds necessary to settle the debts of the El Renuevo School. Many doubted this possibility without selling the Church building, but Faith is indeed “the assurance of things hoped for.” We hoped, had faith in God’s provision, and He delivered abundantly—a true answer to prayer. We are very grateful to those on our mailing list who were instrumental in this effort to save El Renuevo Church.

Thanks to this effort and the elimination of the dark cloud of debt over the Church, the path is now clear for a new beginning at El Renuevo. Another answer to prayer was the legal recognition of the El Renuevo Church by Government authorities (after over a decade of stalling tactics), which paves the way for the Church to have legal ownership of its land and building. Please pray for the Ebenezer Church which applied for its own individual legal recognition—that the process might be smoother and quicker than what El Renuevo had to endure. Also pray for the success of the Seminary that Ebenezer has established to train workers going into the ministry—the Seminary fills a vital need for our group of churches!

Jesus said, “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.” Luke 4:18-19. Imitating Jesus, we seek to bring the good news of salvation to all in word and deed, so that the poor are satisfied, the sick are healed, the oppressed have hope of liberation, and those without knowledge gain the knowledge of salvation through Christ the Lord. Our focus is on spreading the Gospel through vibrant churches, well-equipped schools, and medical clinics that minister to spiritual and physical needs. Our mission teams support these efforts every July.

We have recently spoken at churches in Illinois, Virginia, and Florida about Project Paraguay and the interest level for our July trip seems to be at an all-time high. We held an informational session through zoom on March 3<sup>rd</sup> and will be holding 3 team meetings before we fly to Paraguay on July 11<sup>th</sup>. This year, our focus will be the Barrio

Parque Church where we will rebuild the parsonage at a higher elevation as the current building frequently floods and has become unsanitary. We intend to hold a Vacation Bible School and a medical fair there as well. Other planned activities include Medical Fairs and VBS' at La Roca and Ebenezer Churches. At the Pura Vida Church, which recently moved to the Asuncion Christian Academy, we intend to help publicize the Church and walk the nearby neighborhoods passing out flyers and evangelistic tracts. Eventually, the Ebenezer Church will need an expanded sanctuary, and La Roca will need a new, much bigger sanctuary building. We ask for your prayers and generous contributions for our trip preparations as well as these vitally important construction projects. (<https://projectparaguay.org/donate/>).

We have some specific prayer requests. Fabio Caceres, an elder at El Renuevo, just lost his father, who thankfully, received the Gospel through Pastor Hugo Ovando prior to his death. Pastor Hugo, leader of Pura Vida, leads a growing congregation and he is currently discipling 5 families in view of admitting them as members. He requests prayer for these families and their spiritual journey. Pastor Miguel of the Barrio Parque Church reports good growth but a need for committed volunteers in the Church willing to lead and work. Pinchi, his wife, is the Director of the Barrio Parque School which now has 28 students all supported through your contributions. Thank you and please pray for them—that they may know the Savior. Now that El Renuevo's school situation appears resolved, the Church is looking for new opportunities to grow and to lead the other churches within the framework of an established and recognized Presbytery, which will hopefully be formed this year.


Pursuant to this task of forming a Paraguayan Presbytery, our founding Pastor, Joel Acevedo, travels to Paraguay in early April to talk to Church leaders and provide advice regarding the various aspects of Presbytery establishment. Kean Hyltoft, our Finance Director, along with Albert Veldhuyzen, our Executive Director, also return to Paraguay mid-April to lay the groundwork for the July Missions Trip. Please keep these key individuals for Project Paraguay in your prayers.

Your support in every way is very much appreciated! We are grateful for your partnership, enabling us to bring the Light of the Gospel of Grace to a World that needs the hope of the message of God's Abounding Grace!

For the PP Board,



Gordon Caylor  
Projects Director



Albert R. Veldhuyzen  
Executive Director



Kean Hyltoft  
Finance Director

P.S. Thank you for your prayers and support! Given that we are all unpaid volunteers, any funds contributed go directly to the support of the work in Paraguay. May you be richly blessed as you seek Christ and support His Kingdom!

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