## **Project Paraguay**

In the Service of Christ the King

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Speculation on the end times is a favorite Christian hobby with some more dogmatic than others, but ultimately, no one knows the day or the hour. Matthew 24:36. The Parable of the Wheat and the Tares suggest that the end of the age has not yet occurred because the "gathering of the wheat" is not complete. God is allowing both the good and the wicked to exist together in the world, giving more people time to repent. Matthew 13:24-30. Christians are commanded to use this time wisely, bringing "salvation to the ends of the earth." Acts 13:46-47. Furthermore, Jesus is clear that "this gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come." Matthew 24:14.

If as suggested above, the proclamation of the Gospel to all peoples' groups is a precondition to His return in judgment, this event may be far from imminent as there are approximately 7,900 unreached people groups in the world, encompassing over 3 billion people who currently have little to no access to the Gospel.

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There are even several unreached groups within Paraguay and one of them is the Mbya Guaraní. They are among the most poverty-stricken groups in Paraguay and most of them follow an ethnic religion of shamanism. Nearly half of them cannot read at a 2nd grade level and only 2% reach high school, which essentially renders a written Bible in their own language meaningless. For people with such low literacy, the only means to reach them is by word of mouth and audio technology. Project Paraguay now has an opportunity to help in the completion of an Mbya Guaraní Audio Bible, which would cost around \$7,000. Having such a Bible would be a tremendous tool for evangelists and churches such as Barrio Parque to make inroads into the Mbya community. These audio bibles can be distributed just as easily and cheaply as the

As you may know, the Barrio Parque Church, supported by Project Paraguay, has a special ministry to the indigenous Guaraní peoples and conducts its services in the Guaraní language. It is one of the very few churches that do so and have achieved results—baptizing and admitting into membership Mbya Guaraní individuals despite the strong Mbya community animosity towards baptism, which they consider a betrayal of their culture. Please pray for more Mbya converts and for funds for a Mbya Guaraní Audio Bible. If you can support this effort, please do so by donating at https://projectparaguay.org/donate/ and indicate Mbya Bible in the comment box.

written Word, and they would be much more effective.

Project Paraguay had the most successful mission trip ever this Summer. Our team of 18 from 8 different churches from Virginia, North Carolina, and Florida, organized three medical fairs, four Vacation Bible Schools, and electrical, tiling, and painting work on the Barrio Parque Parsonage. It was the first time that our summer mission group was able to bless all five churches in some fashion. The medical fairs saw close to 300 patients, several of whom had to be transported to the hospital for serious conditions. By identifying these, we saved lives! Through our Pastoral tables at each of these fairs and through our VBS', God moved hearts into His Kingdom, because His Word does not return void. Isaiah 55:11. A picture is as a thousand words and there are many of our trip this Summer on our Facebook Page: https://www.facebook.com/groups/pptrips

It is tempting at this point to rest on our laurels, but the work of the Kingdom must go on and these next few months before the end of the year are crucial to raise awareness and prepare for next year. It was heartening that the participants from Heritage PCA took it upon themselves to prepare a presentation in front of their congregation. We have a confirmed presentation on October 5<sup>th</sup> at Providence Christian Church (Cape Coral, FL) and potentially another one at Grace PCA in Jackson, TN. It is our hope that many other churches will show interest, especially in other States such as Illinois. Please let us know if you would like us to make a presentation at your Church.

Next year, we anticipate again organizing VBS' and medical fairs but the construction will most likely focus on building a sanctuary at La Roca Church or expanding the sanctuary of the Ebenezer Church. Ebenezer has outgrown its current sanctuary, which is a wonderful problem to have. Please consider donating to our construction fund at https://projectparaguay.org/donate/

"How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who publishes peace, who brings good news of happiness, who publishes salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns." Isaiah 52:7. We are grateful for your partnership, enabling us to bring the good news of salvation to a World in great need of the message of God's Abounding Grace!

For the PP Board.

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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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