

# Project Paraguay

Heart Aflame ...  ... Mind Renewed

In the Service of Christ the King

December 8, 2025

Dear Friend of Project Paraguay,

As we contemplate Christ's Birth, it is amazing to realize that the promise of Christmas dates back to Abraham and extends to the lowly Guaraní tribesman who accepts Jesus in faith. Our Savior says, "Your father Abraham rejoiced at the thought of seeing my day; he saw it and was glad." John 8:56. Furthermore, "*those who believe are children of Abraham.*" Gal. 3:7-10. Finally, "*it is not the natural children who are God's children, but it is the children of the promise who are regarded as Abraham's offspring.*" Rom. 9:6. It is awesome to realize that you, me, a poor Guaraní villager, and others who follow Christ, are united together as a family because our father is Abraham. Christ came to redeem the children of Abraham!

Family members take care of each other first, and because of faith, we have more in common with Christian brothers and sisters than even with our own blood relatives. Jesus said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother." Matt. 12:49-50. "So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to *those who are of the household of faith.*" Gal. 6:10. The Apostle James also reminds us that "Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world." James 1:27. Those afflicted, especially of the household of faith, should receive our attention. As we contemplate Christ's birth, death, and resurrection for us, we respond in gratefulness by blessing others. Let us remember those who are less fortunate than us, especially during this Season of Thanksgiving and Christ's Birth.

In response to our last month's prayer letter, a contributor reached out to us to ask for more details about Cielo Turlan's leukemia and after we provided the information, he sent in a generous donation which we will relay to the family through the Church. Project Paraguay maintains a Mercy Ministry fund, and we welcome donations to it generally or for specific persons in need. A need that was brought to our attention involves the wife of the Associate Pastor of El Renuevo, Charly Mendez, who has faithfully served in the Lord's work with commitment, excellence, and pastoral dedication. Charly's Wife, Raquel Greco, suffers from rheumatoid arthritis, a condition requiring specialized and ongoing treatment. She experiences severe pain and difficulty sleeping, seriously impacting her quality of life. Until recently, part of the treatment was covered by insurance, but this support has now ended, creating an unsustainable financial burden. Pastor Charly receives income from a family business, but this is insufficient to cover the high medical costs. We are fundraising for a special Christmas offering to help with this situation. If the Lord moves you to contribute, please designate "Greco" on the check or online contribution (<https://projectparaguay.org/donate/>).

In order to bless the members of our five churches during this Christmas season, Project Paraguay is providing them with a special gift of \$240 per church or \$1,200 total. These funds will go towards gifts for needy congregants.

Finally, we received an urgent request from the Paraguayan Session to help fund the construction of a new septic tank at La Roca Church, because the existing septic tanks are full and overflowing due to water seepage from the ground. New septic tanks are essential to ensure proper sanitation at the property. As part of this, a soil study is also requested for planning new construction on the property and for correcting existing structures. As we continue building and planning for a bigger sanctuary costing approximately \$35,000, such a study will ensure the stability and safety of future buildings. Please consider donating under "construction."

Our next mission trip will be in July 2026. We anticipate again conducting VBS', medical fairs, and construction most likely focused on repairs and building a sanctuary at La Roca Church. We have made presentations to various churches this Fall, and we are hopeful that we will be able to raise up a robust team as we have done since the end of the Pandemic. In the New Year, we will be scheduling an informational session and follow-up preparatory sessions prior to our trip. Please let me know at [arv@projectparaguay.org](mailto:arv@projectparaguay.org) if you are interested in participating and I will add you to the invitation list for our first session.

In fulfilling the promise made to Abraham, "the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him [Jesus]. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written, '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.' And he rolled up the scroll and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. And he began to say to them, 'Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.'" Luke 4:17-21. Following Jesus' blueprint, we focus on proclaiming the good news through vibrant churches, well-equipped schools, and medical clinics that minister to spiritual and physical needs. We are grateful for your partnership in spreading the message of God's Abounding Grace! May you and family experience the joy of Christ this Season and a blessed New Year!

For the PP Board,



Gordon Caylor  
Projects Director



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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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