

“파라과이여, 다시 태어나라”(Paraguay must be born again)(요3:7)
Esperanza del Paraguay(파라과이의 희망)

To Officers and Supporters of JSBMF

As a humble servant called by our Lord Jesus Christ, I bring good news from Paraguay to members of JSBMF. As sweet aroma of spring sweeps over the land of Paraguay, I serve hoping that aroma of our savior, Jesus Christ, will too sweep the land one day. I am always grateful for your prayer and support that gives me strength and courage. I pray that the Holy Spirit will be with you always.

<Church of Hope>

Understanding that poverty is one of the major concerns of missions, we have adopted a local church called <Church of Domestic Healing>. After renaming the church to <Church of Hope>, we began our mission by first forming a church registry. After noticing that the faces of many children that we spent years on would come and go, we assessed that this situation needed the most immediate attention.

The original registry not only lacked information on the children's living conditions and current situations, but it didn't even have their parents' name. We talked to many staffs about this issue, but all of them gave us confused looks as to why we would need such information. They asked what the problem is as long as they attend the church services.



In addition to our concerns with children, another concern of ours was with the Sunday services. Most families here have someone imprisoned at the prison named Tacumbu. As such, they have oriented their lives around the prison, preventing them from going to church on Sundays. In response, the church has rarely provided services on Sundays, but as part of recent changes, we began regular Sunday worship services starting this year.

To promote higher attendance, we provide lunch after each Sunday service. On Wednesdays and Saturdays, we encourage people to come out to church by providing dinner.

We have noticed that many families here are broken. Men in the family usually are or have been in jail. There are children who don't have parents. Many siblings within a family do not share the same mother or father. Because of many social problems result from this brokenness, we noticed that not many visit this part of the country.

Starting this year, we will begin Bible study sessions with children. As we have been sent to this mission field by our Lord Jesus Christ, we insist on leading with the Holy Spirit and not by our own strength. Though I am personally struggling with financial situations, by abiding God's commands, I plan to move forward.

<Providing new school supplies and medical supplies>



With the school starting in February, we have handed out school supplies to children. Since most of the packages they received in the past was mostly limited to food, they were delighted to see something new and different. We pray and hope that these children will one day lead Paraguay into recovery and wealth, like Korea and America. Hallelujah!

<Mission Site Development>

It has been four years since we have set our foot in this country. Though we already feel like natives in this country, we cling to God not to neglect the mission strategy of focusing on learning the language and culture for a minimum of five years. As excited as we are to do more and show more, we are constantly being reminded. In comparison to what we are able to show, you have provided much. As servants of God, we are strengthened by your encouragements.

As the first stage of our mission, we have purchased a mission site and began developing it. We continue to seek for God's sovereignty as we construct orphanages and dormitories. We realized that this was much more of a task than we have imagined as we spent countless hours and days preparing the site.

Thankfully, the mayor of our town noticed our efforts and offered help. Always being mindful of minimizing the cost of our mission, we were very touched by this gift from God.



The mayor himself has publicly thanked us before the community, saying, "There has never been an effort to build orphanage or dorms for students, and for that we are very thankful." He added, "When these missionaries could have been at any other place within Paraguay, it is truly God's blessing that they are here with us." Since then, we were told that the mayor brings himself out to the mission field every Saturdays. We were very touched by his concern and effort.

As for a timeline of the site development, we are praying faithfully that we will end fences and walls by July or August of this year. Afterwards, we hope to start building in the beginning of November.

We do not have much. This mission was started empty-handed. We were not sent by any organization or church, but purely by God. The reasons why we were able to continue God's work here is because of the Spirit's guidance through your prayers and support. There is nothing that I did with my own strength. In coming years, we hope to continue our journey with you.

Thank you very much for the love you have shown us. I pray that the love and mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ is with you always.

From Missionaries David H. Nam & Ok Jin Nam

<2017 Prayer Requests>

1. Completion of our first building for the orphanage and dormitory.
2. Farm construction & building foundation for independent mission work.
3. To fill ourselves with the Holy Spirit continually