

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

Esperanza del Paraguay(파라과이의 희망)

## Dear Officers and Supporters of JSBMF

Greetings to all members of JSBMF, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. You must be busy planning for new year while looking back on the things that happened this year. I pray for your health during the cold weather in states, in the mist of hot summer weather here.

I thank you, Rev. Paul Pyong-Dong Buck, for your invitation and hospitality during my last visit to United States. Also for giving love and prayer invariably to our mission field. Especially, the building fund and December's bonus will be uses well during end of the year event. I am glad that we are able to advance JSBMF's ministries through your love and help, which was started 5 years ago.

I am writing 2017's ministry report and would like to share plans for upcoming year.

### <Hope mission's change in ministry plan.>

We have run under the slogan “Be born again, Paraguay”, for past 4 years. The 1st stage, 1-5 year mission plan of 5th year was to construct a building. We thought without constructing a building it will be hard to advance the ministries. We had prepared to construct a building on the mission property which was bought on March of 2015. Right before departing to United States, we found out there will be new law, which will go in effect starting September of 2017. It was learned from a meeting we had with "National children and youth association", which oversees orphanages in Paraguay.

#### New laws are as follows:

1. You have to use word "family" instead of word "orphanage".
2. Dorms had to be changed to home = 3 rooms, bathroom, kitchen. Each room can hold 1-4 persons. Total of 8 children and 1 room can be used by adult caretaker.
3. You must accept the children sent by government agencies and cannot choose.
4. You have to send orphans to outside educational facilities and not self affiliated facilities.
5. Must have doctor and psychological counselors standing by at all times in the separate office, outside for the orphans.

We found out that all previous plans had to be adjusted due to above mentioned reasons. We were disappointed after the meeting, then we decided to obey just like when Paul obeyed Holy Spirit's stopped him from going to Asia and sent him to Europe.

Hope mission future plan is to go directly into slum area where "Hope Church" is currently located. Purchase 3 to 4 buildings to run after school programs to train them to become christian workers instead of church, orphanage and free campus.

The hardest thing about going into slum, was due to my wife's request. She ask to thing it over, because even Paraguayan did not go into slum areas. I prayed to God to change heart or give us different plan, as I was visiting churches in United States. It was hard for her to leave United States to goto Paraguay as a missionary, first place. Only thing I could do was to leave it up to God, and God answered by changing her mind and accept the ministry in slum. Praise the Lord!

We had meetings with our staffs to discuss purchasing houses in slum and made decision to follow thru

with plan. We have decided to hold on to the land we had purchased in city of Yaguaron to for now, and to deal with it later time.

### <Special Prayer Request>

- 1) That we can buy the buildings that are not included in future building plans. All the lands in slum are owned by government, there fore we only can purchase buildings. There are no deeds to be exchanged. If government decides to develop areas around river(area we want to into), they will pay us little amount of money ad ask us to leave. Only God's knows things of the future.
- 2) To change the slum area where church is located in.  
Holy Spirit gave us mission to change whole neighborhood around the church(about 3,000 families and 12,000 people). To leave poverty stricken lives through faith and to use it as examples for ministries to whole country.

I have plans for peoples of Paraguay to be born again through "obedience and servant-hood" of native ministers, christians and people of God. Which I will include in second stage(2nd 5year) plan, which I will disclose at later time.

## Ministries of 2017

### 1. Church of Hope

This is one of our ministries foundation. We adopted local church within slum area (Family Restoration Church), beginning of the year and changed it's name to 'Church of Hope'. We started Sunday worship service, which was never done before.

The people living in this slum area have association with local prison, which is the largest prison in the P araguay. Their family members are inside the prison. They couldn't have Sunday worship service until last year, because they all had to visit prison to spend a day with their family members. Nevertheless, we cha nged the name of the church to Church of Hope and have Sunday worship services. We encourage peopl e to come to meetings by, serving lunch after Sunday worship service and by sharing dinner after Wednes day night and Saturday night services

### 2. Giving aids and stationaries for new semester

We handed out stationaries for start of new school semesters in February. Children receiving stationaries were so happy because they were used to receiving just aids for the poor. It was their first time receiving such gifts, giving them great joy.



### 3. Gave foods for the children, so that they can give to their mothers for Mother's Day.

There is Mother's Day in Paraguay. They celebrate Independence Day(from Spain) on May 14 and 15, on 15th as Mother's Day. We invited 22 mothers for food and celebration. We have 53 children and lot of them were not living with their mother. We gave food to the children to give to their mothers as gift. With the hopes of evangelism because most of them don't attend church.



#### 4. Refuge caused by flood and giving aid twice.

Church members had to hold worship services on the street for 2 months, due to the flood in May.

Few families worshipped on the streets on Saturday and some had raised a tent on the prison parking lot to worship.

Worship on the parking lot was better because lot of refugees came by to worship with us. We handed out aids during June and May. We learned only way to pay back the love given to us by Jesus Christ is by serving others affected by flood this year. Even though we didn't have enough financial resources it made us to become more dedicated for service.



#### 5. Water baptism

5 church members were baptized this year. We will have sports day after water baptism starting next year.



#### 6. Visiting United States from 9/11~11/7

I knew it was imperative for us to have building for the advancement of mission in Paraguay during last year of 1st stages of the mission plan. I visited 11 churches and held individual meetings to let them know about the situation and asked them to partake in the mission.

They all welcomed me with happiness and love. I was able to cross United States from east to west twice by the power of the Holy Spirit and prayers of believers. Thank you and praise the Lord.

In the mist of writing this missions report, we visited city hall. We are in the process of bringing city workers to visit slum. On 23rd(Saturday) of December, we are planning Christmas service. We are planing to invite 50 adults and 100 children to celebrate birth of baby Jesus just like last year.

I know month of December is the busy time of the year planning for the next year for everyone. Let us center our heart on "only Jesus, only glory" as the disciple of Lord Jesus Christ, and be faithful.

May Glory of the Lord shine upon members of JSB Mission Fund, and to those shown love to us during year 2017.

From Paraguay

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### <Prayer topics of 2017-18>

1. Purchase of building in slum without financial waste.
2. To have good rebuilding process
3. Financial need to be met
4. To handle church of hope, orphanage and after school by the power of Holy Spirit.
5. The 2nd stages of mission plan to be led by Holy Spirit.
6. To speak spanish fluently
7. To be continually filled by Holy Spirit

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