Paraguay Mission 2nd Five Year Plan

"If a grain of wheat falls to the ground and does not die, there is one thing, and if it dies, it will bear much fruit" (John 12:24)

Dear Officers and Supporters of JSBMF

Hallelujah!

I wish all the Officers and Supporters of JSBML a Happy New Year!

Praise the Lord for bringing in the New Year. There is a lot of work for us to do, and I rejoice that it is just the beginning of a new year. In this materialistic world, there really is nothing new, especially without the Lord. But in Jesus Christ, there is new hope and new joy that comes each year that drives us to continue to do spiritual work for the lost souls in the world.

\bigstar Due to the flood, we had our worship service on the roadside.

- Church reconstruction started.

Due to the flood that began in October 2018, we had to worship on the street. Gratefully, we were able to return to the church building for Sunday worship services, especially for the Christmas service. The floods are a reoccurring event each year and every time it floods, the surrounding families and children are scattered throughout the area. Additional efforts are needed to help the families get back on their feet, while trying to spark the children's interests to come back to church.

At the end of August, the first five-year plan of Paraguay missions was completed, and now we are to begin the second five-year plan. The first task of the second five-year plan is the reconstruction of the church building. Last year I purchased two homes in the area, one to use as a worship center and the other as a vocational training center. When the renovation begins, the second home will be used as a worship center. After meeting with the local architects and contractors, I realize that I underestimated the construction costs in Paraguay. I initially estimated that construction costs in Paraguay would be less than in the United States, but came to a conclusion that due to the high material costs, the total reconstruction cost would be similar to the US. Even though we do not have the full budget at this time, I cannot postpone the church reconstruction any further, so the construction will start in May 2019.

We proceed forward with faith, similar to Moses who prayed in front of the Red Sea, and a desire to the future, similar to Joshua's desire to overtake Jericho. Below is a brief summary of where we stand in our budget for this reconstruction project. Please keep in mind that this project is a little different compared to other mission fields/local churches around the world and in the US. We are facing many obstacles coming from government corruption, economic poverty/thievery, high material costs, and etc. We continue to pray and trust that God will provide.

- Total Estimated Budget Needed: \$250,000

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- Total Budget Saved:
- \$129,000
- Estimate Time to Complete: 1 Year

It is a long and difficult journey to advance the Gospel in the slums, but I sincerely ask you to join us in this mission field through prayer and financial support.



★Christmas service and New Year worship service

Due to the floods and hectic travel plans, I was finally able to come back to church in Paraguay for the Christmas Eve service. Even though a special event was prepared, I took this time to share many gifts that were donated from various donors in the United States to the families and children in Paraguay.

- Exercise Hats & Key Rings Donated by Pastor Song Ki-Chan and congregation from Harmony Church in OKlahoma.
- Bible Books and Calendars Donated by Pastor Joshua Nam and congregation from Lord Jesus Love Church in New Jersey.
- T-Shirts Donated by Deacon Grace Baek
- Also, Pastor Kim Joo Young and the congregation from 153 Church in Atlanta, GA donated a computers, which will be used as a teaching tool for the children once the reconstruction is complete.



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We had to cancel the worship service on the last Sunday of 2018 due to the heavy rains. As the rain continued, only 40 people were able to attend the 1st Sunday worship service of the year. We face many difficulties ahead, but we continue to trust in the Lord and continue to pray that the reconstruction project goes smoothly. There is great hope for the Church of Hope when we see the children hungry to learn the Word of God.



★ US Mailing Address Change

The US mailing address has changed to the following:

New contact: 1516 Lakeway Drive • Little Elm, TX 75068

We have been able to continue with the Paraguay missions largely in part by the love and prayers the Officers and Supporters of JSBMF who have cooperated together so far has given us. This year, we will walk as much as we are guided by the Holy Spirit. We want to do our best to be joyful and rejoicing in the mission to bring souls together. Thank you again for your love and support.

May the Officers and Supporters of JSBMF be filled with God's love and grace. Shalom.

Paraguay missionary

David Nam and Ok Jin Nam

Prayer Requests for the Second Phase (September 2018 - August 2023)

- 1. Reconstructions of the current building starting in 2019 (expected duration: 1 year)
- 2. Preparing for adult worship services after the reconstruction.
- 3. Lead more souls to the Lord with the church.
- 4. Planning/preparation of <Hope Academies> specifically for obtaining instructors & documentations.
- 5. Revival and financial independence for the town of Bañado Sur.
- 6. Spiritual training and having fellowship with the youth through Tae Kwon Do.
- 7. Training preachers within Paraguay through Tres Dias.
- 8. Continual pursuit of <Hope> orphanage.
- 9. Continual fulfillment of the Holy Spirit.

"Paraguay, Born Again!"

My Lord, my God. Please receive us and lead us!

Amen.

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