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

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!

Greetings to the JSBMF family in the name of Jesus Christ.

With the U.S. experiencing the hot summer, everyone is busy with church events such as short-term missions and retreats. I pray that your faith grows stronger, and the Holy Spirit fills you with more love for the Lord.

Here in Paraguay, we are experiencing winter, and it is cold. We sincerely thank you for always praying and loving us!

★ After the flood and sharing relief supplies



It has been about 5 months since we have been worshiping on the streets due to the flood that started in March 2019. Youth gatherings are being held on Saturdays as we continue to borrow other missionaries' buildings, but continue to have Sunday worship and fellowship on the streets. Thankfully, the water elevation that reach over 1.8m has now subsided, and we are waiting for the area to dry out before we can move back in to the church.

The area is in terrible shape similar to a battlefield. However, parts of the church building have already started be repaired and rebuilt. We continue to wait to receive permission from the city hall to start the construction of the new church building, while holding on to hope and faith.

While looking at the aftermath of the flood, the Paraguayan government did nothing to help the flood victims. The flood victims were helped by the local churches and believers in the United States that sent relief packages. There were four relief areas for the flood victims, three in Asuncion, the Capital of Paraguay, and one other in a neighboring city, that distributed over 400 new homes to the flood victims as well as winter blankets. All those that received the help were happy and comforted. As we prayed over the relief supplies, one of the flood victims became a believer in Jesus and saved. However, no other families attended the church services. But as we continue to plant the seed and wait patiently for it to sprout, we place our hope in God and that the people of Paraguay will receive salvation. I sincerely thank all the churches and believers for sending relief offerings.





★ Youth Excursion

We recently went to a local zoo and had a picnic on the river side with the Saturday Youth Gathering. We had a great time while braving the cold temperatures. Due to the cold though, a lot of the children could not join us, but Nevertheless, I rented a car and went to my daily picnic to prepare food with my wife early in the morning.

I was happy to see the children so happy and happy. But on the one hand, we shed tears in our hearts. That's because five of the nine children who went together were the first to visit the zoo, although the zoo or riverside picnic area was not far from a slum, and everyone was the first to visit the river.

We boarded a boat, watched our favorite sports, and again promised them to take good care of their fathers before they were pastors or missionaries.

This made me realize a need of some kind of transportation like a school bus (Yellow School Bus) to take the children on trips like these. I firmly believe that if you take your children at least once a month to experience the outdoors, it will expand their knowledge and gain invaluable life experiences, while also being a great benefit to evangelism. The Yellow School Bus will also be a great advertising for the church!

I have some testimonies.

As stated earlier, we have been worshiping on the streets since March. But we give thanks and praise to God due to experiencing no rain on Sundays and not having to cancel Sunday worship. We foresee us worshipping on the streets until the first Sunday of September, and pray that it continues to not rain on Sundays so that Sunday worship will not have to be cancelled.

On one particular Sunday, it rained until 10 am, but stopped raining and the sun began to shine just in time for worship. We are thankful that God shows his faithfulness by allowing us to continue to hold Sunday Worship similar to him providing cloud and fire pillars for the Israelites who passed through the wilderness in the Old

Testament. We are grateful to experience the God's presence in worship and even experience the love of God through nature. Hallelujah!!!

Also, do you remember when I asked for your prayers that the salvation of souls would come true? I was at first disappointed that no one visited the church even after sharing the relief supplies to the flood victims. But I was comforted when reflecting on 2 Thessalonians 3:2, "Faith is not of all". Although I do not know who could or would be saved, I trust in God's timing and pray that the lost souls find the love of God in the future, and I am strengthened again to know that I can be part of His work.



Pray for the grace and blessings of your family, health, and business together. Shalom.

Gracias por Ayudarnos!!!

Paraguay missionary David Nam and Ok Jin Nam

<Paraguay's second five-year plan prayer title (Until August 2023)>

- 1. To commence church construction The construction period is one year.
- 2. The whole town of Bañado Sur, a small town where the church is located, Preparing for self-reliance planning - for poverty eradication, for literacy and for evangelization.
- 3. Hope Free Academy's plan and promotion securing teachers, preparing documents
- 4. Prepare for the training of obedience through Taekwondo for the youth of Paraguay nationwide.
- 5. Train ministers throughout Paraguay to serve through camp training.
- 6. So that we can continue to promote <Hope Orphanage>.
- 7. May the history of soul salvation be enriched through the Church of Hope
- 8. For the continuation of the filling of the Holy Spirit

"Paraguay, Born Again!"

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

Amen.

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