

“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)**

“Behold, I will do something new, Now it will spring forth; Will you not be aware of it?”(Isaiah43:19)

### **Dear Officers and Supporters of JSBMF**

Hallelujah!

Greetings to the JSBMF family in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are going through this dark and long tunnel called COVID-19 that this world has never experienced before. We trust that, even in this difficult time, you are constantly seeking His provision and guidance. This may be God’s way of preparing His people for even greater trials and tribulations we must face in the near future, but we can be victorious knowing the Lord is “our refuge, our fortress, and our God in whom we trust” (Psalm 91:2).

### ★Current situation in Paraguay & our response

Many countries around the globe have declared a state of emergency, and Paraguay is no exception. As of today, there have been 64 confirmed cases and 3 deaths reported officially in the country. Curfews are in place from 8 PM at night to 5 AM in the morning, all government buildings are closed, and military forces have been deployed to keep society in order.





We could not meet for Sunday worship for three consecutive weeks now, and at this point we are not sure when we will be able to again. While it's common for churches in Korea and America to worship online, our church members here cannot afford any means of technology, and it just breaks our hearts. A few weeks ago, we received a couple of urgent messages from the children saying their parents are out of work and they are out of food at home. We quickly prepared food and other essential items and filled many bags to pass out to those families in need. We were so overjoyed to finally reunite with our members when we went around each home to drop off the bags, and we are so grateful that everyone was healthy and safe. Hallelujah! It is uncertain when things will go back to normal, so we want to prepare more supplies to be able to support the families for a longer period of time. Not one person can completely dodge a disaster like this, but it's undeniable that those that are impacted the most are the poor and marginalized. Many of the families here live day to day with very limited income, and they are the most vulnerable to the pandemic.

### ★The postponement of the construction of church building and Hope Academy.

The current situation also caused a significant delay and interruption to our original plan of finishing construction of our new church building in this upcoming June. It was already being delayed by the slow progress by the workers, and now with the coronavirus, the entire construction effort has come to a complete stop. We are not yet certain how God is going to lead us at this time, but we pray and trust that "God works for the good of those who have been called according to his purpose".



Please join us by praying for the church construction:

1. The workers and architects may fully commit to completing the work, free from any temptations and ill intent
2. The workers to be physically protected and remain healthy
3. No rain, so the construction work can continue without any interruption.

#### List of items needed for church

- Sanctuary: Plastic Chairs (150), Projector (2), Amplifier, Drum Set, Keyboard
- Classrooms and Cafeteria: Plastic Chairs (200; \$9 each), Tables (30; \$50 each)
- Others: 30K BTU Air Conditioners (5; \$750 each), 24K BTU Air Conditioners (2; \$550 each), 12K BTU Air Conditioners (4; \$300), Fans (24; \$50 each)

Hope Academy has been closed as well. There are two things we have learned from running Hope Academy for a short period of time. First, we can stay hopeful that from among these children, many faithful workers will rise as long as we are being persistent. School work may be the least of the concerns for these children living in such poor conditions, but we will not give up teaching them and planting hope in their hearts. With that being said, we plan to nominate a new leader who can continue to lead Sunday School ministry and Hope Academy.

Secondly, the children are so physically weak and lacking strength. This is something we learned from teaching Taekwondo, as the children often could not last more than 5 minutes before they take their next break. When Pastor Kim Chang-Bae visited from Korea, he recommended we provide nutritious school meals, and we knew it was a clear sign from God. Since then we have been prayerfully preparing to start providing one meal a day once the church construction is complete. We honestly do not know how to lead our missionary work, but all we can do and will do is to pray and obey the leading of the Holy Spirit.

We sincerely thank everyone at JSBMF family for carrying the calling of sharing the good news together. We thought we would be far from the pandemic that started from China and spread to Korea and the rest of Asia, but we were wrong. We believe the second coming of our Lord Jesus Christ will come soon as the scripture promises, and we eagerly and faithfully run towards the harvest of many more lost souls. We pray for full anointing and blessing over your families. Shalom.

Paraguay Missionaries

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

1. For church construction to begin again (target completion June 2020)
2. For the town of Bañado Sur to be receptive to the gospel, to overcome poverty, and to have zero illiterates
3. For the future of Hope Academy as we are praying for new leaders and teachers
4. For our plan of leveraging Taekwondo to disciple the entire youth in Paraguay
5. For Tres Dias to be used to disciple church leaders and members in Paraguay
6. For Hope Church to be used for saving lost souls
7. For the Holy Spirit to continue to fill us and dwell among us

### **“Paraguay, Born Again!”**

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

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