"파라과이여, 다시 태어나라"(Paraguay must be born again)(요3:7) Esperanza del Paraguay ("파라과이의 희망") <u>파라과이 선교 2차 5개년 계획 표어</u> "한 알의 밀이 땅에 떨어져 죽지 아니하면 한 알 그대로 있거니와 죽으면 많은 열매를 맺느니라"(요12:24) 2020년 "보라 내가 새 일을 행하리니 이제 나타낼 것이라"(사43:19)

Dear Officers and Supporters of JSBMF

Hallelujah!

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

In remembrance of Thanksgiving, thank you for all your prayers and love throughout this year!



I must confess that without the love and support from the JSBMF, I would not have been able to carry out this missionary work in Paraguay. Similar to how the pilgrims would not have survived without the help of the natives after landing in Plymouth Rock. Thank you

Due to the coronavirus, we have not been able to hold Sunday worship, but only have youth gatherings on Saturdays since last March. We are experiencing the same struggles and challenges like so many churches are around the world. We cannot offer Sunday worship until the end of the year, but have already announced that we will start having Sunday worship again next year.

I was very curious about how the coronavirus will affect believers and what form it will turn into, so I recalled the past.

I remember in my ministry a long time ago, an American church did not have the concept of removing shoes from the altar, so I told the American pastor, Exodus 3:5, "The God who met Moses at Horeb said, "The place where you stand is the holy land, take off your shoes from your feet". And I asked, why not take off your shoes on the holy altar? Then I remember the American pastor who replied, Ephesians 6:15, "and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace." He said, "We don't have the problem of standing in the pulpit wearing shoes". Since the habits and features of faith vary from country to country, how will the form of faith change after the coronavirus?

"The same God yesterday, today, and forever." He commanded the spread of the Gospel forever. Even though the shape or form of faith changes, the eternal Gospel preaching remains unchanged, so we rush to preach the Gospel faithfully.

\star Youth Cell Group

Since the youth gatherings continued to meet, I wondered if there was a better way to minister to them. Thinking back to my past experiences in the U.S., we divided into four smaller groups with designated leaders and sub-leaders thinking that the youth would be able to better connect with each other.



After dividing into groups, our first meeting consisted of a Bible Quiz contest. The groups were required to memorize Bible verses and match the Bible verses. The winning group were given coupons that they could use to purchase goods at the Christmas special worship in December. Positive results have already been seen by the church through these groups.

★ Free meals until the end of the year

In Paraguay, there is still the underlying notion that men are better than women, and that the women must serve the men. To slowly help break that notion, we are having the group leaders serve the free meals to the community. We believe these children will learn to have that servant heart and become <Jesus' soldiers> in the future.

Free meals that we started providing in June will continue to be served until the end of December.



Starting next year, I decided to hold a leader's retreat every two months. It will be a 2-day and 1-night retreat. The goal of the retreat is to help cultivate a servant's heart and to help serve the church and the community. They can service with the birthday parties that are held monthly and also minister to the children through the <Hope Barbershop> ministry.

The <Hope Barbershop> ministry is a great time to minister to the children. After the barber cuts the children's hair, I love to have conversations with the children while I wash their hair and even ask if the child would like to come out to church.

★ Sowing and seedling sharing



I was thinking what would be beneficial to the children and community during the coronavirus period. Ultimately, my goal is to purchase a bus, and transport the children to and from the countryside to help grow a farm. This will not only teach them how to grow their own food, but also to teach them Biblical concepts and build their faith. Until I can make this into reality, I started small. I purchased some seeds and planted a garden. I also gave some seeds to the children. I told them they are small seeds right now, but as time passes, they will bear fruit as Jesus' solders. I noticed that many Christians here have a deep gap between their faith and ever day life, so I believe one of God's plan for me is to bridge that gap and train the children.

The whole world has been cleansed by the Gospel, and it has become a good world where you can wear shoes and even go into the house(?). It is a convenient and rich world where water comes out when you turn on the faucet, and electricity is supplied at the touch of a button. It's far away, but I'm grateful that I can give and receive greetings through Kakao Talk, and talk as if I'm next to you through voice talk.

If you cross the bridge of the cross made by Jesus, you will be comfortable and easy to go to the kingdom of God. Why are there so many reasons why you cannot cross the bridge of the cross...

Today, we are going to make a lot of bridges in the mission field so that we can cross them anytime.

Thank you to officers and supporters of JSBMF for working together in this ministry this past year.

May you be full of the Holy Spirit during Thanksgiving Week. Love. Shalom.

"Give thanks in all circumstances..."

Your missionaries in Paraguay

Ok Jin & David Nam

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

- 1. For church construction to begin again (target completion May 2021)
- 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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