"파라과이여, 다시 태어나라" (Paraguay must be born again) (요 3:7)

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)

The 5 goals of the 2nd 5-year plan

Worshipers, Disciples, Intercessors, Volunteers, Evangelists

Dear Officers and Supporters of JSBMF

Hallelujah!

Greetings to the Families of JSBMF in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us the gift of a new year and the life of a shepherd.

As you look forward to the new year with new hopes and dreams, are you running into difficulties due to Omicron virus?

Here in Paraguay, we are going through an exceptionally hot summer that we did not experience until a few years ago.

In addition, due to the spread of <Omicron>, many people are having a hard time figuring out whether it is the flu or the virus. My wife and I have also been infected with the new virus and have been struggling for a week, but we are moving forward believing that we will overcome it easily.

This year, we plan to focus on children's Christian life.

In the meantime, we have been working hard to teach and invest into the children's faith and life, but there have been difficulties for over two years due to the restrictions of the coronavirus and construction delays.

Accordingly, the <Second Five-Year Missionary Plan> was newly established from 2023 to 2025,

① Worshiper ② Disciple ③ Intercessors ④ Volunteer ⑤ Evangelist has the purpose of training.

They are children who are in the habit of using the church whenever they go without being taught that it is the church they ought to be serving.

These are children who have been taught and grown up from the generation of their parents. We are slowly training these children who only came to church to eat, to receive gifts, and when there were special events or presentations.

There are some things that I am not able to teach or train myself, so I send 9 children to another ministry for certain types of training.

After two months, there are signs of change little by little, and now if the church is dirty, it is in the

stage of somebody cleaning the church on their own.

For the next year, we will provide consignment education and at the same time provide leadership training on Saturdays with Bible and daily life education so that we can live as <Solders of Christ> in the church, family and society.

During the worship service, instead of the choir time, 6 groups are in charge of the dance and special songs for each group and are participating in the worship service together. The oldest group leaders are 15 years old. These kids are getting leadership training.

Since they are not trained beyond the age of 15, the Holy Spirit has kept them in order to raise these children as leaders. And when the 2nd 5-year missionary plan comes to an end, we are trusting the Holy Spirit, believing that we will become great workers who can do great things in each department as strong workers of the church.

★ Christmas Celebration Service and Talent Market



In the Christmas celebration service on December 23, leaders who had been trained for two months gave praise presentations for each group and gave a gracious service. Leaders who wear T-shirts with the word <STAFF> on them and lead the praises they learn will be beautiful fruits presented to the Lord.

We prepared and shared the children who attended church for a year, the children who did well in

volunteer work, and the school grades.

After the service, there was a gift-sharing event called <Talent Market>.

It's a fun event that counts attendance, volunteer work, and even small devotions to make fake money and give them out in advance to buy things. Parents were invited to buy items distributed to families in slums on Christmas Day.

Still, the deep-rooted Catholic influence is deeply ingrained in the slums.

This generation of parents are ones that do not desire to learn more. The less educated and the poorer they are, the more stubborn they are. Making the children of such people into God's children is a huge task. It is a work that only the Holy Spirit can do.

Because the people of the slums have not been educated, so they live with their own thoughts and stubbornness.

When I go to visit, They sit down on a chair and greet guests without even getting up.

Only when they see something that interests him, they get up and shake hands. They are very calculating people.

I think the work of transforming these people's children into the gospel of the cross and turning them into warriors of Christ is a treasure like pearls that have been made over many years. So, it is proving that <The Message of the Cross> is power.

A church leader recently contacted me.

She said that her friend was possessed by a ghost and went crazy and wanted to go to the house with him.

It was the first thing I experienced when I came to the mission field. I took a Korean hymn with me. Lying in bed, screaming and struggling. A 17-year-old girl rolled her eyes and next to her were her brothers and mom holding hands.

I sang the hymn of the precious blood in Korean. As the blood shed on the cross of Jesus ~~~ \(\)
Her girl struggled with a louder gesture before laying, my hands on her head and it was quiet. She was given a girl healed by her demons. Hallelujah!

I've been admonishing her girl's mother that she should attend her church, but so far she hasn't attended church. Only the Holy Spirit can break the influence of Catholicism and self-righteousness, so we are praying that He will rule the family.

★ Hope Academy





We started Hope Academy again from last December.

It started in 2020, but I stopped and started again due to the pandemic, but I wondered how I could handle it by myself, but again, it was too difficult to hold a class with close to 40 people, so 23 people are taking the class.

I teach Korean, English, and Taekwondo, but Korean is too difficult, so I tried to follow English well, but there are many children who do not study the alphabet, so they do not know the alphabet.

But little by little progress is starting to appear.

They come at 8:30 am, have breakfast and start classes at 9 am, but they come at 7:30 and wait outside the church.

When I asked, "Why are you coming so early?" the answer is, "When I come to church because it is too hot and couldn't sleep, so I get up and come right away."

I tell them to eat seconds and thirds without leaving any food.

Another missionary once saw our children and told me that they were "small in size" and it hurts so much that he encouraged us to eat more with the heart of a grandfather.

They eat cereal, eggs, apples, bananas and watermelons. Children are growing slowly, so we want them to eat at least 5 times a day to grow their bodies.

Hope Academy ends on February 18th. This is because children start school from February 21st. Hope Academy is planning to do After School in the afternoon from March.

★Scholarship and Life Aid



알레한드로 베라(28세) 이본네 콜멘(19세)

아르날도 곤잘레스(20세)

밀라그로스 알폰소(15세)

It has been decided to provide living support and scholarships to the above four people in 2022.

The three young men attend other church, but they are so precious workers that our church decided to help for a year.

They are beautiful young people who give up other things to serve God's church and serve in the church entirely.

We believe that these young people will lead the future of Paraguay, so we want to help even a little.

And <Milagros> is the student I have been with for the longest time, and he is determined to serve the Lord first, and the church has already built him a house and supports him. Banseok Presbyterian Church in L.A. (Rev. Cheol-hoon Lee) is also helping, but the church wants to help with more. Please pray for the above workers.

"The hour is coming, and now is, when those who truly worship the Father will worship the Father in spirit and truth.(John 4:23-24)

We want to make sure we teach our children why the church exists.

Children don't know much now, but when they become adults, we teach and train in hopes that they will properly teach the reason for the existence of the church in their own homes.

If many believers are indolent and lazy due to the pandemic, the restoration of worship will be essential not only for children but also for adults.

We pray that families of JSBMF will have a year of strength and victory with the power of the Holy Spirit in your family and ministry. Love it. Shalom.

Your missionaries in Paraguay
Ok Jin & David Nam

<Paraguay's second five-year plan prayer title (Until August 2025)>

- 1. For <Hope Academy> and After School Securing church workers and teachers
- 2. Preparation of evangelization and self-reliance plans for the entire village of <Bañado Sur>, a slum where the church is located. Poverty eradication, illiteracy eradication, and evangelization.
- 3. Pray for leaders and 6 groups to settle well.
- 4. Let the history of salvation of souls be enriched through <Church of Hope>.
- 5. 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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