

“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

Worshippers, Disciples, Intercessors, Volunteers, Evangelists

Dear Officers and Supporters of JSBMF

Hallelujah!

Greetings to the JSBMF families in the love of our Lord Jesus Christ.

I pray that health and peace will fill each family.

I imagine seeing the faces of the JSBMF families who love and serve the Lord.

Paraguay has turned the pandemic into an endemic, and as long as there is a vaccine certificate, PCR testing is not required.

There are no restrictions on the number of people gathering or wearing masks during worship services. As it is the changing to the winter season, children are catching a lot of colds, but nonetheless, they are doing their best to become soldiers of Christ.

Living as a Korean diaspora, I did not oftentimes think that God had sent me to the United States to do God's ministry. However, while living in Paraguay after being called as a missionary, it is clear in my heart that God has called me to Paraguay for ministry.

I can't compare my heart to the heart of Jesus, but I think this is the kind of heart Jesus must have had, who came to this earth to shepherd it.

"I came down from heaven, not to do my will, but to do the will of him who sent me" (John 6:39-39). So, whenever I was going to do something, I started to pray, "What is the desire of the one who sent it?"

★ Paraguay Mother's Day

In Korea and the United States, Mother's Day is celebrated on the second Sunday in May, whereas in Paraguay it is the third Sunday in May.

The hearts of mothers are the same all over the world, and even the children of poor families seem to have a burning heart for their mothers. The leaders of the church first suggested that they prepare the food, so the ingredients were prepared at the church, and the children made their own sandwiches to share.

The children wrote letters a week in advance, and I put them in envelopes and prepared them with gifts. Seeing how happy the mothers were with their children, I was also very happy and satisfied.



★Dental care during planning for welfare

Because they are poor and needy people, we must establish a strategy for welfare along with the Gospel as the axis of mission.

We are making plans to provide housing, livelihood, education, and medical benefits as well as strategies suitable for children, adolescents, the disabled, and single mothers.

In the meantime, we have been distributing scholarships to students, and in 2019 (before the pandemic), we supported the construction of a house for 2 families and repair of toilets for 1 family. Also, we distributed relief items several times each year, and starting in June this year, we will distribute groceries to single mothers on the first Sunday of each month. Soaring prices are making it harder for the poor. In addition, in 2022, we have already made it possible to receive dental treatment four times this year. I am receiving regular help with the help of a Korean dentist (Dr. Shin). It is a very valuable help for children in the slums in getting tooth extraction and nerve treatment.

Other illnesses may be covered free of charge by going to the hospital.

One time, when a child went to the hospital emergency room with a big cut in the wrist, I was told that I had to buy the sewing thread and needle from outside, although the medicine was just given. With the help of the United Nations, medicines were well prepared.

However, it was difficult because there were not as many benefits as dental treatment, but I am very happy to receive the help of a Korean doctor.



★ Winter sweaters were distributed to church leaders.

It was sent to me by Grace Community Chapel (Rev. Jae Park), New Jersey, and it was useful because it was winter.

When I am in daily contact with children, I try to build family relationships.

I believe that the path that fathers have with their children in everyday life is the best way on making them into <Christian warriors>.



Not on any specific day, but whenever time permits, I take the children to the park to play with them. There are many aspects that need to be taught and corrected, but I try to show affection often because I think that even the habits of children cannot be changed without a close relationship. We are now teaching children to pray first when they come to church. It's really time consuming.

Jesus lived together with his disciples, but I cannot live together, so this is the best way to do it.

It cannot be accomplished unless the one who sent me does it.

I am grateful that the Paraguay missionary work is being done with the prayers and support of the JSBMF Families. And the fruits here are the fruits of JSBMF.

We work diligently according to the will of the one who sent it.

We love and bless you. Shalom!!!

Your missionaries in Paraguay

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<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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