



Isaiah 52:7: How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings **good news**, who publishes peace, who brings **good news** of happiness, who publishes salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns."

Luke 4:17-21: ¹⁷ And the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written, ¹⁸ "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim **good news to the poor**. He has sent me to proclaim **liberty to the captives** and **recovering of sight to the blind**, to **set at liberty those who are oppressed**, ¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." ²⁰ And he rolled up the scroll and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹ And he began to say to them, "Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

Matthew 28:19: Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

Our mission as Christians, that we take seriously at Project Paraguay, is to bring the good news of salvation to all in word and deed, so that the poor are satisfied, the sick are healed, the oppressed have hope of liberation, and those without knowledge gain the knowledge of salvation through Christ the Lord. Our focus is on spreading the Gospel through vibrant churches, well-equipped schools, and medical clinics that minister to spiritual and physical needs.

Paraguay is blessed in many ways, through nature . . .

Isaías 52:7: ¡Qué hermosos son, sobre los montes, los pies del que trae buenas nuevas; del que proclama la paz, del que anuncia buenas noticias, del que proclama la salvación, del que dice a Sión: «Tu Dios reina»!

Lucas 4:17-21: ¹⁷ y le entregaron el libro del profeta Isaías. Al desenrollarlo, encontró el lugar donde está escrito: ¹⁸ «El Espíritu del Señor está sobre mí, por cuanto me ha ungido para anunciar buenas nuevas a los pobres. Me ha enviado a proclamar libertad a los cautivos y dar vista a los ciegos, a poner en libertad a los oprimidos,¹⁹ a pregonar el año del favor del Señor». ²⁰ Luego enrolló el libro, se lo devolvió al ayudante y se sentó. Todos los que estaban en la sinagoga lo miraban detenidamente, ²¹ y él comenzó a hablarles: «Hoy se cumple esta Escritura en presencia de ustedes».

Mateo 28:19: ¹⁹ Por tanto, vayan y hagan discípulos de todas las naciones, bautizándolos en el nombre del Padre y del Hijo y del Espíritu Santo,

Nuestra misión como cristianos, que tomamos en serio en Proyecto Paraguay, es llevar la buena noticia de la salvación a todos con palabras y obras, para que los pobres sean saciados, los enfermos sean sanados, los oprimidos tengan esperanza de liberación. Que todos adquieren el conocimiento de la salvación por medio de Cristo el Señor. Nuestro enfoque es difundir el Evangelio a través de iglesias vibrantes, escuelas bien equipadas y clínicas médicas que atienden las necesidades espirituales y físicas.

Paraguay es bendecido de muchas maneras, a través de la naturaleza. . .



With beautiful nature and trees.

Con hermosa naturaleza y árboles.



Exquisite craftsmanship.

Artesanía exquisita.



A rich culture.

Una rica cultura.



- Paraguay has a very interesting political history. For example, one of the biggest provinces is named after an American President, Rutherford B. Hayes.
- In many ways, Christian Civilization is on the decline around the World. In Paraguay, the culture is still quite Christian.
- Social and Political Atmosphere: Abortion, marriage, foreign policy (ROC)
- Revelation 3:2: Wake up! Strengthen what remains and is about to die, for I have found your deeds unfinished in the sight of my God.
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- Paraguay tiene una historia muy interesante. Por ejemplo, una de las provincias más grandes de Paraguay lleva el nombre de un presidente estadounidense, Rutherford B. Hayes.

Paraguay



Population (2023): 6,861,524

**About 3.5 million in greater
Asuncion area**

**Gross Domestic Product (2022): \$5,579
per person**

**Languages: Guarani (indigenous language)
Spanish**



Religion - Catholic - 90%

Protestant: 7%

Other: 3%

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Paraguay is a country nestled between Brazil, Argentina, and Bolivia, and these are the statistics. It is the only country in S. America that has an indigenous language as an official language. The Catholic Church is very strong in Paraguay and 90% of the people belong to it.

Paraguay es un país enclavado entre Brasil, Argentina y Bolivia, y estas son las estadísticas. Es el único país de América del Sur que tiene una idioma indígena como idioma oficial. La Iglesia Católica es muy fuerte en Paraguay y el 90% de la gente pertenece a ella.

History of El Renuevo Group of Churches



Current Status:

- 5 Churches: El Renuevo, Ebenezer, Barrio Parque, Pura Vida, La Roca.
- 2 Schools (Renuevo, Parque)
- Ebenezer Medical Clinic

- 1997: Joel Acevedo and family move from Chile to Paraguay.
- 2001: El Renuevo organized.
- 2006: Barrio Parque church planted.
- 2007: New Pastor: Roberto Maureira
- 2012: Third church plant, "La Roca."
- 2014: Miguel Diaz ordained as pastor of Barrio Parque.
- 2014: Establishment of Project Paraguay Foundation.
- 2014: Elders Ordained & Pastor Maureira joins Potomac Presbytery
- 2016: Pastor Fredi Sosa ordained.
- 2017: Purchase of land for "La Roca."
- 2020: Ebenezer Church joins the El Renuevo group of Churches.
- 2021: Medical Fairs/Permanent Clinic at Ebenezer. Ordinations.
- 2022/23: Medical Fairs, indigenous outreach and construction at La Roca.

The history of El Renuevo began in 1997 when Pastor Joel Acevedo moved to Paraguay from Chile. The seed that Joel planted in 1997 has grown today to comprise 5 churches, two schools, and a medical clinic. Today, the El Renuevo Group of Churches is composed of the mother church (El Renuevo), Barrio Parque, Pura Vida, Ebenezer, and La Roca. American teams helped build and finance El Renuevo, Barrio Parque, and now La Roca. The first two are essentially complete and the third is an ongoing project.

Pastor Roberto Maureira has recruited very talented leaders for El Renuevo, Barrio Parque, La Roca, and Pura Vida. Ebenezer joined the El Renuevo group of churches in 2020 because of Pastor Maureira's close ties with that church's leadership. Project Paraguay supports all the churches and their ministries in education and medicine, as a means to spread the Gospel message to all through evangelism and good works. I will briefly talk about the five churches and their ministries before focusing on our mission at Project Paraguay.

La historia de El Renuevo comenzó en 1997 cuando el pastor Joel Acevedo se mudó a Paraguay desde Chile. La semilla que Joel plantó en 1997 ha crecido hoy para comprender 5 iglesias, dos escuelas y una clínica médica. Hoy, el Grupo de Iglesias El Renuevo está compuesto por la iglesia madre (El Renuevo), Barrio Parque, Pura Vida, Ebenezer y La Roca. Los equipos estadounidenses ayudaron a construir y financiar El Renuevo, Barrio Parque y ahora La Roca. Los dos primeros están esencialmente completos y el tercero es un proyecto en curso. El pastor Roberto Maureira ha reclutado líderes muy talentosos para El Renuevo, Barrio Parque, La Roca y Pura Vida. Ebenezer se unió al grupo de iglesias El Renuevo en 2020 debido a la Amistad del pastor Maureira con el liderazgo de esa iglesia. Proyecto Paraguay apoya a todas las iglesias y sus ministerios en educación y medicina, como medio para difundir el mensaje del Evangelio a todos a través del evangelismo y las buenas obras. Hablaré primero de las características de las 5 Iglesias y sus programas antes de enfocarme a la misión del Proyecto Paraguay.



Pastor Maureira and wife Angela. Leader and organizer—without his work and leadership, the work would have been very diminished. Standing in front of the Ebenezer Medical Clinic, inaugurated in 2021.

Pastor Maureira y su esposa Angela. El es un Líder y organizador, sin su trabajo y liderazgo, el trabajo hubiera sido muy disminuido. El es de pie frente a la Clínica Médica Ebenezer, inaugurada el año pasado.



Carlos, Pastor's son, and Karine, his wife are leading worship.



The El Renuevo Church runs a school from Kindergarten to Junior HS. We had the opportunity to interact with the students and to present a biblical message and a song.







We spent a day doing renovations and painting at El Renuevo.



El Renuevo held a very nice Sunday farewell lunch for our Team.

El Renuevo realizó un muy lindo almuerzo de despedida para nuestro Equipo.

Barrio Parque Church



Pastor Miguel Diaz
Community
Church of Parque

Luque / Parque, Paraguay

The Barrio Parque Church is the second church that Project Paraguay financed and built. Pastor Miguel Diaz is in charge of the church. The wall and fence were built thanks to 2019 team.

La Iglesia Barrio Parque es la segunda iglesia que Project Paraguay financió y construyó. El pastor Miguel Díaz está encargado de la iglesia. El equipo de 2019 construyó el muro alrededor de la iglesia.



Miguel and Pinchi and their daughter, Elizabeth, here with Sandy Taylor. Group Dinner at their house.



It took us 15 years to complete this sanctuary and now it is an air-conditioned one as well. Pastor Miguel's church is the only one of our grouping where the services are in Guaraní and that has a vibrant ministry to indigenous people.

Nos tomó 15 años completar este santuario y ahora también tiene aire acondicionado. La iglesia del pastor Miguel es la única de nuestra agrupación donde los servicios son en guaraní y que tiene un ministerio vibrante para los pueblos indígenas.



As you notice most of the attendees are young people.

Hay muchos Jovenes en esta iglesia.



Our visit to the Barrio Parque School. Each of these kids is supported by a \$50 per month contribution by a generous American donor. Many would not have the opportunity to go to school without this support.



This classroom was built last year with funds raised by Project Paraguay. We had the opportunity to talk to the kids and interact with them.



Playing on the School playground. In 2019, this playground set was bought and installed by Project Paraguay.

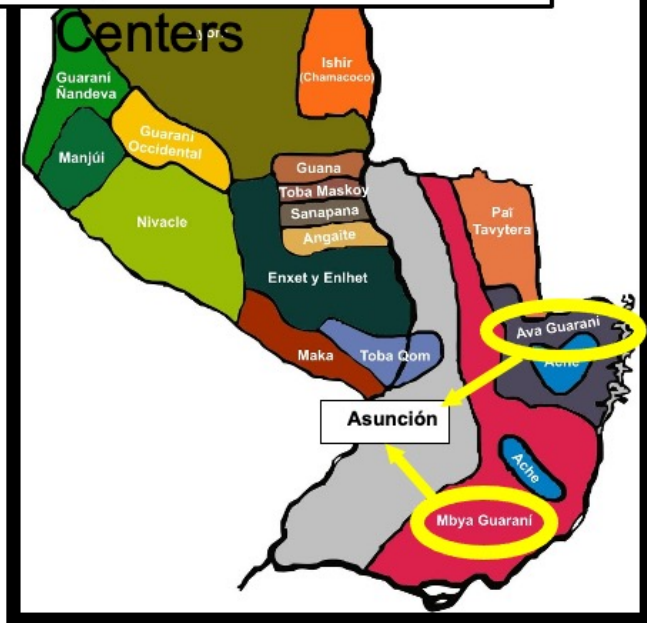


This picture was taken during our medical fair at Barrio Parque. People on the left wait to see the doctor after being registered and going through the different stations. We had tremendous participation and many came from the indigenous communities, which I will discuss next.

Guaraní Migration to Urban

Causes:

- Seeking work and/or educational opportunities
- Displacement: expansion of large farms, deforestation, ranching, pesticides, flooding
- Medical Treatment



The Barrio Parque Church is unique because it consciously tries to reach out to the indigenous communities. The Church distributes food to them on a weekly basis and conducts its services in Guaraní, which is the indigenous language.

Although the Asunción area is not the traditional Mbya and Ava Guaraní homelands, many have migrated and set up local communities in search of work. And some were displaced because of the expansion of large farms, deforestation, and other reasons. Some also come to the Capital to seek medical treatment.

Mbya Guaraní and Ava Guaraní

- Nearly 1/2 can't read at a 2nd grade level; 2% reach high school
- Most follow ethnic religion/shamanism
- Among the most poverty-stricken sectors of Paraguay
- The Mbya are considered an unreached people groups.
- In 2019, there were no evangelical congregations in any of the urban communities





The Barrio Parque Church is one of the first evangelical churches to succeed in making inroads into the Mbya Community. Here, a mother and her two children just got baptized. First baptism of their community. Pastor Tim Revett of United World Missions, who works closely with Pastor Miguel Diaz stated in his newsletter: "On Easter Sunday, the first member of an urban Mbya Guarani community publicly identified herself as a follower of Jesus through baptism. 'T' boldly professed her faith before an audience of mostly strangers from a different culture and language group. She made her decision in spite of a range of opinions from her Mbya neighbors and relatives. Some of them believe that following Jesus translates into ceasing to be Mbya. Others are on the verge of making the same decision that T made." The leader of that community, Fidellino, has also been attending Barrio Parque. Please pray that the Holy Spirit will continue to work through us in opening up the indigenous community for Christ. Unfortunately, Tomasa, who was baptized was later assaulted and we suspect that her being baptized could have been a reason for the attack.



This is a view of their community in the woods near the Barrio Parque Church. We walked to their community from the Church.



Visiting a house in the community.



We passed out food to the community. And here, Jennifer is presenting an audio bible to one of the members of the community.



Food and audio bible distribution. They are telling the child not to try to sell the audio bible as it wouldn't serve any purpose to do so.



Planting trees in the community. They had actually requested this. So we planted a papaya, grapefruit, and oranges.



Kean and Tia with some indigenous kids.



This is some members of our group with Fidelino, leader of the community, and his family.



During the medical fair, we saw many indigenous families. Here, Michelle Franklin, our nurse from Virginia, was operating the ultrasound machine.

La Roca Church



Singing/Preaching using new foundation



Teaching the children



Crafts



Site of "La Roca" church



Story time

Project Paraguay bought the land for La Roca Church in 2017 thanks to many contributions. A North Carolina Team initiated development of the land here, clearing brush, building a septic tank and building a concrete slab. As you can see from the pictures, worship services have been conducted in the open air since then. Because of leadership disruptions and the COVID Pandemic, we didn't get the opportunity to further develop the site until last year.

Proyecto Paraguay compró el terreno para la Iglesia La Roca en 2017 gracias a muchas donaciones. Un equipo de Carolina del Norte inició el desarrollo, limpiando el terreno, construyendo un tanque séptico y construyendo una losa de concreto. Como puede ver en las fotos, los servicios de adoración se ocurian al aire libre. Debido a las interrupciones en el liderazgo y la pandemia de COVID, no tuvimos la oportunidad de desarrollar más el sitio hasta este año.



This is a picture from our prior missions trip in 2019, which shows us conducting Vacation Bible School on the concrete slab. It also gives you a flavor of what we normally do when we have a substantial team. In Paraguay, the church grows first by attracting the children, and eventually the moms, and lastly the dads get involved. Once the parents see that you are committed and provide valuable service, and you have a facility, they take you seriously--which is why it was very important for us to continue to develop La Roca.

Esta es una imagen de nuestro viaje misionero anterior en 2019, que nos muestra dirigiendo una Escuela Bíblica en la losa de concreto. También le da una idea de lo que normalmente hacemos cuando tenemos un equipo mas grande. En Paraguay, la iglesia crece primero atrayendo a los niños, y eventualmente a las mamás, y finalmente a los papás. Una vez que los padres ven que usted está comprometido y brinda un servicio importante, y tiene un edificio, lo toman en serio. Por eso, es muy importante para nosotros continuar desarrollando La Roca.



So now, the community at La Roca can have worship services and special events for kids and the community.

Así que ahora, la comunidad de La Roca puede tener servicios de adoración y eventos especiales para los niños y la comunidad.



Some kids from the LaRoca Community. You see in the background the wall that we paid to have built this year. Our team painted the wall.



These are some of the Paraguayans who helped out with our construction project, digging a ditch for the electrical cable.



Painting the building and measuring the tubing for the electrical cable.



Some vandals had cut the electrical cable to the church, so we had to reinstall it. This is Gordon and Albert working on reinstalling the electrical connection to the church.



Some more painting of the wall and the bathrooms.



We also went around the neighborhood before the medical fairs at both LaRoca and Barrio Parque, distributing notices to the fair and evangelistic tracts.



Here, we are setting up for the medical fair, hanging up room separators to ensure some privacy.



So this is a picture of our different stations that we set up.



Another view of our setup.



Explanations from our table organizers.



Other explanations.



Our Paraguayan doctor, Dr. Marcelo Miño, and two of his children. He was essential to the success of our medical fairs and also to the work of the Ebenezer Medical Clinic. To recap our medical fair accomplishments at both churches:

- * Quality heart health education and vitals screening for 62 people and 55 cardiology visits including one for a patient with palpitations as a result of an electricity injury;
- * 55 contact numbers to the churches for future outreach;
- * prescriptions for vaginal infections and/or serious discomfort for about 4 women;
- * sexual health education or counseling to about 32 people;
- * 12 in-depth screening ultrasounds (to include two that identified fetal ventriculomegaly and possible hydrocephalus, one gall stone screening, one tumor identification);
- * breast cancer screening education for 12 women, with actual breast exam for one;
- * medications for menstrual pain, chikungunya/dengue fever, allergies, lifesaving mosquito prevention, and prenatal/postnatal/men's/aged/children's specialized vitamins to 62 people;
- * prayer, evangelism, and faith reinforcement to 62 people.

Pura Vida Church



We didn't have the opportunity to visit The Pura Vida Church this past trip, so the following pictures are exclusively from our 2019 trip. To the right are Pastor Hugo Ovando and his wife and kid. He holds services in Asuncion in a rented facility and his congregation is very different from the other congregations. The appeal is to professionals who work in Asuncion. So as you can see, the grouping of the churches is very diverse with Pura Vida appealing to urban professionals, La Roca to the rural poor, Barrio Parque to indigenous peoples, and El Renuevo and Ebenezer more to middle class suburbanites. We have a very diverse grouping. However, the owner of the building of Pura Vida is now trying to sell, which will require the congregation to find a new location. We would like to start supporting them in this endeavor, to either rent a new facility, buy one or build one.

No tuvimos la oportunidad de visitar la Iglesia Pura Vida en este viaje anterior, por lo que las siguientes imágenes son exclusivamente de nuestro viaje de 2019. A la derecha están el pastor Hugo Ovando y su esposa e hijo. Tiene servicios en Asunción en un edificio alquilada y su congregación es muy diferente a las otras congregaciones. Atraen a profesionales que laboran en Asunción. Entonces, como puede ver, la agrupación de las iglesias es muy diversa con Pura Vida apelando a los profesionales urbanos, La Roca a los pobres rurales, Barrio Parque a los pueblos indígenas y El Renuevo y Ebenezer más a los suburbanos de clase media. Tenemos una agrupación muy diversa. Sin embargo, el propietario del edificio de Pura Vida ahora está tratando de venderlo, lo que requerirá que la congregación encuentre una nueva ubicación. Nos gustaría comenzar a apoyarlos en este esfuerzo, ya sea para alquilar una nueva instalación, comprar una o construir una.



This is a picture from our 2019 trip where we are getting ready to go pass out literature in Asuncion.

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Esta es una foto de nuestro viaje de 2019 donde nos estamos preparando para repartir literatura en Asunción.



Here we are walking the streets with our literature.

Aquí estamos recorriendo las calles con nuestra literatura.



Ebenezer Church is the latest church to partner with Project Paraguay. Unlike the others, El Renuevo did not have a role in starting or forming this church—in fact, it has existed for 33 years, was established by Korean missionaries, and met at a facility owned by a Seminary.

The building on the left houses the Pastor's residence as well as the permanent medical clinic that was inaugurated last year. In the background is a converted warehouse where the church meets. Ebenezer in the Old Testament literally means "Stone of Help," and that accurately describes what this facility represents. Although the church was well-established, it never had its own facilities and they quickly learned three years ago that this put them in a very precarious position, because the Seminary decided one day that they couldn't keep meeting there. As a result, the Church was very concerned that they might have to dissolve and that the membership would just join other churches. Then a true miracle happened. Within a week of when they were given notice to vacate, a very generous donor donated this land with the buildings on it for the benefit of the church—on one condition: that the Pastor live in the building. It was truly a blessing from the Lord and unlike El Renuevo, Barrio Parque, and La Roca, where we have done and are doing the hard work of construction, Ebenezer was just handed a perfect ready-made facility for their use.

La Iglesia Ebenezer es la última iglesia asociada con Project Paraguay. A diferencia de los demás, El Renuevo no inició la formación de esta iglesia; de hecho, ha existido durante 33 años, fue establecida por misioneros coreanos y se reunió en un seminario.

El edificio de la izquierda alberga la residencia del Pastor así como la clínica médica permanente que fue inaugurada el año pasado. En el fondo hay un almacén reconvertido donde se encuentra la iglesia. Ebenezer en el Antiguo Testamento significa literalmente "Piedra de ayuda", y eso describe con precisión lo que representa este lugar. Aunque la iglesia estaba bien establecida, nunca tuvo su propio edificio y rápidamente se dieron cuenta hace tres años que esto los ponía en una posición muy precaria, porque el Seminario decidió un día que no podían seguir reuniéndose allí. Como resultado, la Iglesia estaba muy preocupada de que tuvieran que disolverse y que la membresía simplemente se uniera a otras iglesias. Entonces sucedió un verdadero milagro. Una semana después de que se les notificó que desalojaran, un donante muy generoso donó este terreno con los edificios para el beneficio de la iglesia, con una condición: que el pastor viviera en el edificio. Realmente fue una bendición del Señor ya que a diferencia de El Renuevo, Barrio Parque y La Roca, donde hemos hecho y estamos haciendo el arduo trabajo de construcción, a Ebenezer se le acaba de entregar una propiedad perfecta y lista para su uso.



Ebenezer is a very vibrant and healthy congregation that is very active with many different programs that serve the community.

Ebenezer es una congregación muy vibrante y saludable que es muy activa con muchos programas diferentes que sirven a la comunidad.



It has a very healthy mix of young, middle-aged, and old people.

Tiene una mezcla muy saludable de personas jóvenes, de mediana edad y mayores.



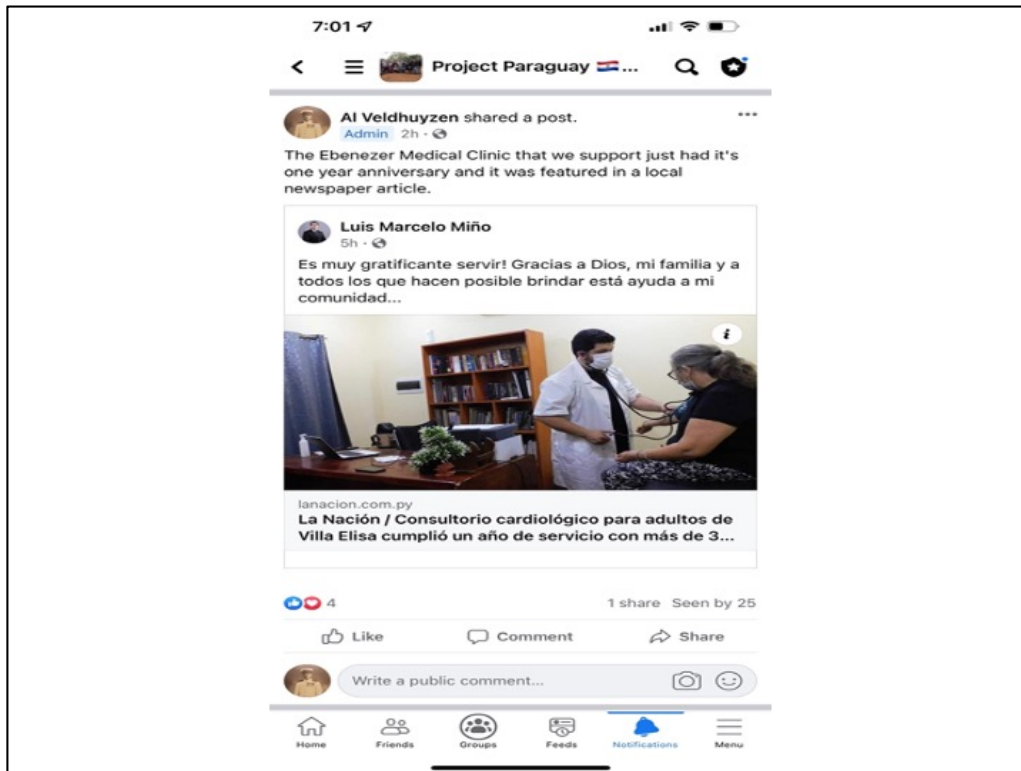
This is a picture of Jeremy with some of the youth of the church.

Esta es una foto de Jeremy con algunos de los jóvenes de la iglesia.



On the right is Elder Felipe, Pastor William Busto, Assistant Pastor Luis Recalde, Elder and Doctor Marcelo Miño, and the President of the group of Churches, and senior Pastor of El Renuevo, Roberto Maureira.

A la derecha el Anciano Felipe, el Pastor William Busto, el Pastor Asistente Luis Recalde, el Anciano y Doctor Marcelo Miño, y el Presidente del grupo de Iglesias, y Pastor principal de El Renuevo, Roberto Maureira.



Dr. Marcelo Miño established the Ebenezer Medical Clinic and Project Paraguay contributed regularly to the Clinic. It had a very innovative approach to ministry because in exchange for medical services, the patients were asked to provide foodstuffs that could then be used by the Church in their indigent food ministry. Unfortunately, Dr. Miño accepted a fellowship in Spain for two years and therefore, there was no way to continue the Clinic, so Ebenezer Church shut it down temporarily. But Jennifer Finelli, my daughter, and Project Paraguay Medical Director, is stepping into his shoes and her goal is to establish a mobile clinic in Paraguay. Her plan is to spend half the year in Paraguay starting next year. She spent 3 months in Paraguay this year and is going there again next week to complete her residency and medical paperwork necessary to establish herself in Paraguay.



This is a picture of Dr. Mino and Dr. Riveros attending to a patient during our medical fair at Ebenezer in 2021.

Esta es una foto del Dr. Mino y el Dr. Riveros atendiendo a un paciente durante nuestra feria médica en Ebenezer en 2021.

Mission Trips



This picture is from our 2019 missions trip.

Esta foto es de nuestro viaje misionero de 2019.



This is a picture of our medical missions team in 2021. You will notice it was much smaller than the 2019 Team, because people simply didn't want to travel during the Pandemic.

Esta es una imagen de nuestro equipo de misiones médicas en 2021. Notará que era mucho más pequeño que el equipo de 2019, porque la gente simplemente no quería viajar durante la pandemia.



This was our 2022 Team in front of our Team House.

Este fue nuestro Equipo de 2022 en frente a nuestra Casa de Equipo.



This was our 2023 Team this year in front of our Team House.

Este fue nuestro Equipo de este año frente a nuestra Casa de Equipo.



Our Team House was finished in 2022 and will host all future teams. It was built totally with funds from myself and Kean Hyltoft and although will be used by Project Paraguay does not belong to Project Paraguay.

Nuestra casa de equipo fue construido este año y albergará a todos los equipos futuros. Fue construido totalmente con fondos míos y de Kean Hyltoft y aunque será utilizado por Project Paraguay no pertenece a Project Paraguay.



Another 2019 picture of our team. We typically meet every morning for Bible Study and Devotions.

Otra foto de 2019 de nuestro equipo. Nos reuníamos todas las mañanas para el estudio de la Biblia y las devociones.



Whenever we have a trip, we always bring computers with us to donate to our schools and students.

Cada vez que tenemos un viaje, siempre traemos computadoras para donar a nuestras escuelas y estudiantes.



Picture of our Team this year having a nice dinner at a lomito restaurant in downtown Luque. We typically had breakfast at our house, lunch close to our work site, and dinner either at the house/Miguel's place or somewhere in town.



Picture of those who chose to go to the Eco Reserva Mbatovi this year. We invited two of our Paraguayan drivers to participate in the adventure.



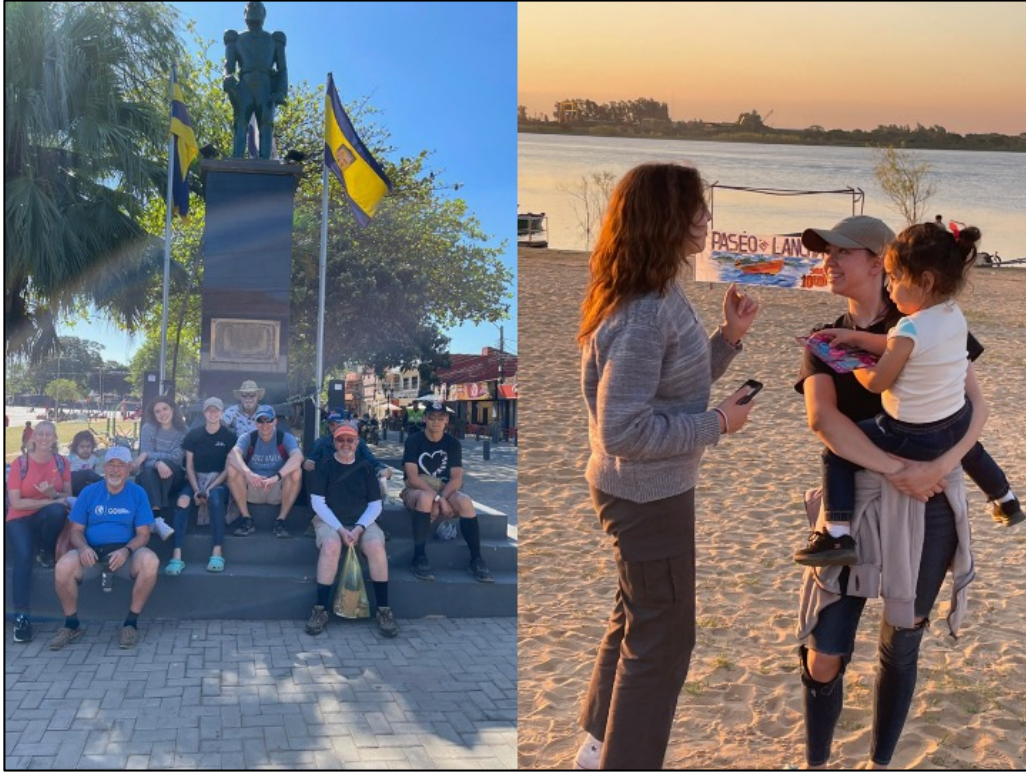
Some pictures.



Ziplining and rappelling.



Mike Blake was famous for his ice cream cravings. Afterwards, they worked off the calories from the ice cream.



Sightseeing in downtown Luque and at the beach in Asuncion.



Another picture at the Beach.



We went to the yearly Expo at Mariano Alonso. Saw many products and interesting things produced in Paraguay.



Kean proposed to me that we buy this Viking table together but I didn't take the bait, although it was tempting.



This was dinner at the Mall.



Our major mishap of the trip was our toilet flooding and covering one of our bedrooms with a layer of water. We had to clean it up. In Paraguay, our major trip disasters always seem to be associated with the toilet. On one trip, we had to get a local Paraguayan to open up the sewer hatch to get all the clogged toilet paper out of the pipe because members of our team had flushed toilet paper down the toilet—which is a big no no in Paraguay. This time, someone pulled too hard on the toilet flush and it got stuck and over the course of the day, the water overflowed the toilet and flooded the house.

Project Paraguay Foundation

El Renuevo (Luque)



**Pastor Roberto
Maureira**

Project Paraguay partners with the pastors and elders of the El Renuevo, Barrio Parque, Pura Vida, Ebenezer, and La Roca Churches to:

- Build and renovate churches
- Support Schools and students
- Support Clinics/Provide Medical Outreach
- Plan for the future of the work in Paraguay.

Barrio Parque



**Pastor Miguel Diaz
and Pinchi**

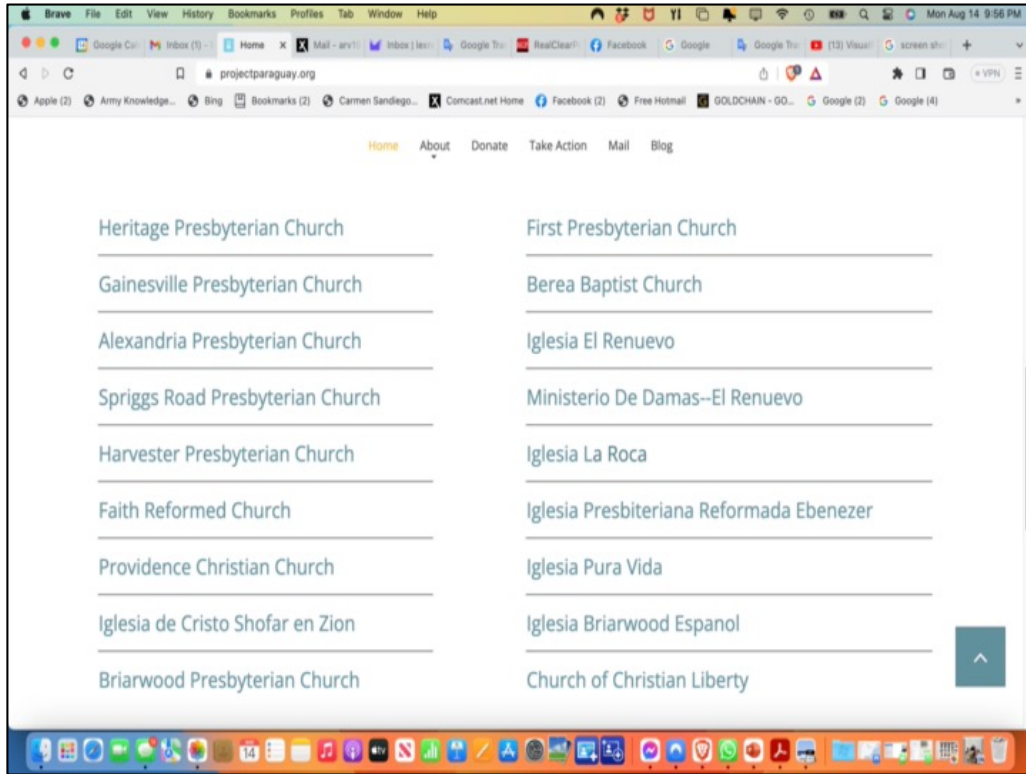
2023 Budget	
Church Planting & Outreach	\$31,224
Barrio Parque School	\$12,052
Mission Trips (including supplies, construction, meds)	\$13,600
Medical Assistance	\$4,296
Seminary Scholarships (new Pastors)	\$2,020
Diaconal/Mercy Ministry	\$1,440
Management & General Expenses	\$1,905
Fundraising Expenses	\$2,250
Total Annual Budget	\$66,537

- Organized 1996 by HPC to support church planting
- Made independent foundation in 2014

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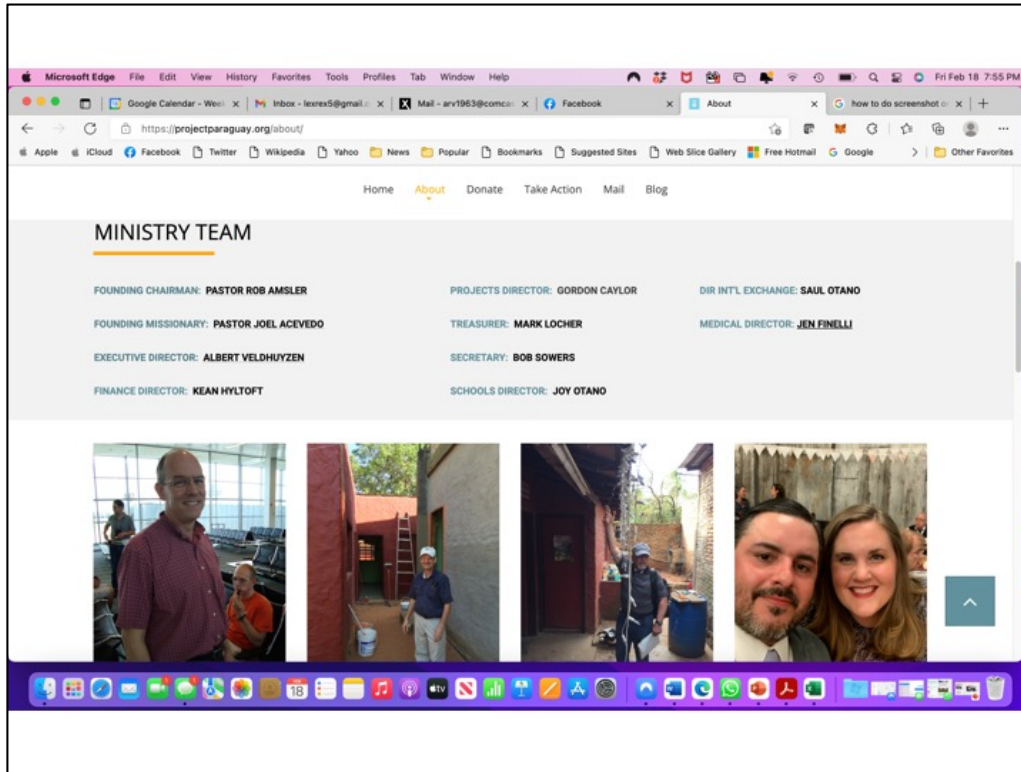
Let me tell you a little about the Foundation and our goals. We work with the Churches to build churches, support schools and students, support clinics and medical outreach, and plan for the future of the work. We are an independent foundation organized in 2014 with a budget of around \$67,000 per year.

Quiero contarles un poco sobre la Fundación y nuestros objetivos. Trabajamos con las iglesias para construir iglesias, apoyar escuelas y estudiantes, apoyar clínicas y alcance médico, y planificar el futuro del trabajo. Somos una fundación independiente organizada en 2014 con un presupuesto de alrededor de \$54,000 por año.



These are the churches that have partnered with us in the US and Paraguay and have supported us through prayer, finances, and teams.

Estas son las iglesias que se han asociado con nosotros en los EE. UU. y Paraguay y nos han apoyado a través de la oración, las finanzas y los equipos.



Let me tell you a little about our ministry team. Myself, Gordon, Bob, and Jennifer first went to Paraguay in 2004 as a result of a missions trip organized by GPC. Joel Acevedo, our founding missionary, came to GPC that year to present his vision and that's when we first became involved. At the time, the Project was a work of the Heritage Presbyterian Church Missions Committee. Project Paraguay became an independent foundation in 2014, and Joel Acevedo and I were the incorporators of the Foundation in Virginia.

Lives have been impacted over the years. For example, Joy and Saul Otano . . . Angel and Annalise Sotelo. . . .

Un poco sobre nuestro equipo de ministerio. Yo mismo, Gordon, Bob y Jennifer fuimos a Paraguay por primera vez en 2004 como resultado de un viaje misionero organizado por GPC. Joel Acevedo, nuestro misionero fundador, vino a GPC ese año para presentar su visión y fue entonces cuando nos involucramos por primera vez. En ese momento, el Proyecto era un trabajo del Comité de Misiones de la Iglesia Presbiteriana Heritage. Project Paraguay se convirtió en una fundación independiente en 2014, y Joel Acevedo y yo fuimos los incorporadores de la Fundación en Virginia.

Muchas vidas fueron afectadas a lo largo de los años gracia a Dios a traves de la obra del Proyecto. Por ejemplo, Joy y Saul Otano se casaron y trabajan en la obra del Proyecto. Tambien, hay un otro matrimonio—de Ángel y Annalise Sotelo en Norte Carolina que se realizó gracia al Proyecto.



And we try to raise our profile by setting up tables at Christian conferences. Here, we're at the Founders Ministries Conference in Fort Myers. Kean Hyltoft and Saul Otono volunteered to man the table for us. Saul was involved in the work in Paraguay, but married a member of one of the Teams and is now in the United States helping us as a member of our Board.

Y tratamos de elevar nuestro perfil manejando mesas en conferencias cristianas. Aquí, estamos en la Conferencia de Ministerios Fundadores en Fort Myers. Kean Hyltoft y Saul Otono se ofrecieron como voluntarios para atender la mesa del Proyecto. Saúl estuvo involucrado en el trabajo en Paraguay, pero se casó con un miembro de uno de los Equipos y ahora está en los Estados Unidos ayudándonos como miembro del consistorio del Proyecto.



We, as the Board of the Project try to build bridges with other ministries so we can cooperate together in the Lord. Here, we are sharing a meal at Pastor Miguel's house with an American missionary, Timothy Revett, and his family. They have a ministry serving the indigenous peoples of Paraguay.

Queremos establecer relaciones con otros ministerios para que podamos cooperar juntos en el Señor. Aquí, estamos compartiendo una comida en la casa del pastor Miguel con un misionero estadounidense, Timothy Revett, y su familia. Tienen un ministerio al servicio de los pueblos indígenas de Paraguay.



This is a meeting with the Director of a nationwide evangelical association named Jesus Responde. We intend to coordinate efforts and explore possibilities of involvement for our churches in Paraguay with their events and programs.

Esta es una reunión con el Director de una asociación evangélica a nivel nacional llamada Jesús Responde. Queremos coordinar esfuerzos y explorar posibilidades de involucramiento de nuestras iglesias en Paraguay con sus eventos y programas.

Project Paraguay Short-Term Goals/Prayer Needs

- **La Roca:**
Build a parsonage. \$10,000.
- **Barrio Parque School:**
Double the attendance. \$1,000 per month extra.
- **El Renuevo School:**
Establish a Scholarship Program.
- **Medical Outreach:**
Buy a Van for a Mobile Clinic. \$20,000.
- **Pastoral Fund for LaRoca:**
Initial Cost: \$500 per month.

These are Project Paraguay's short-term goals.

2024 Trip Information

- **Ministry Window Dates: July 18–29, 2024 (tentative).**
- **Total Cost: Airfare (possibly \$900) + Food: \$300 + Materials/Resources: \$500.**
- **Deposit Payment: \$100, preferably by April 15, 2024.**
- **Airfare option: Group Fare if enough interest. Otherwise, purchase yourself or provide PP with funds to purchase.**
- **Due Date for PP Funds (\$800 total): June 30, 2024.**
- **Trip Purpose: Construction at La Roca, set up medical fairs, and outreach/educational/ fellowship activities at various churches. Shopping/tourism and/or nature hike at Eco Reserva Mbatovi.**

Details of what we are looking at for 2024. Draw attention to dates and trip purpose.

Ways to Help

- **Mission Trip.**
- **Become a Child Student Sponsor.**
- **Student scholarships.**
- **Mercy Ministries Support.**
- **Land/Construction Purchase.**
- **Pastoral Support.**
- **Medical Fund.**
- **Church Planting.**

And these are the ways that you can help to proclaim **good news to the poor, liberty to the captives, recovery for the sick, and to set at liberty those who are oppressed by Satan's grip. Help us to go forth and** make disciples of **all nations**, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit

Our mission as Christians, that we take seriously at Project Paraguay, is to bring the good news of salvation to all in word and deed, so that the poor are satisfied, the sick are healed, the oppressed have hope of liberation, and those without knowledge gain the knowledge of salvation through Christ the Lord. **Our focus is on spreading the Gospel through vibrant churches, well-equipped schools, and medical clinics that minister to spiritual and physical needs.**

Y estas son las formas en que se pueda ayudar a proclamar la buena nueva a los pobres, la libertad a los cautivos, la recuperación a los enfermos y a poner en libertad a los que están oprimidos por las garras de Satanás. Ayúdanos a salir y hacer discípulos de todas las naciones, bautizándolos en el nombre del Padre y del Hijo y del Espíritu Santo.

Nuestra misión como cristianos, que tomamos en serio en Proyecto Paraguay, es llevar la buena noticia de la salvación a todos con palabras y obras, para que los pobres sean saciados, los enfermos sean sanados, los oprimidos tengan esperanza de liberación y los necesitados. conocimiento adquiera el conocimiento de la salvación por medio de Cristo el Señor. **Nuestro enfoque es difundir el Evangelio a través de iglesias vibrantes, escuelas bien equipadas y clínicas médicas que atienden las necesidades espirituales y físicas.**

Conclusion

- **The Project Paraguay Foundation (PFF) is focused on promoting the spread of the Gospel.**
- **Short term missions foster deeper relationships with God's people and provide immediate help in building the church.**
- **Churches are growing and have adequate facilities to support vibrant ministries.**
- **Prayer for expanding another mission church (La Roca).**
- **Prayer for the establishment of a mobile clinic and expansion of medical mission to Barrio Parque.**
- **Prayer for expanding the Barrio Parque School and El Renuevo School.**
- **Consider how YOU can use your gifts in God's work in Paraguay.**

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La Fundación Proyecto Paraguay (PFF) está enfocada en promover la difusión del Evangelio.

Las misiones a corto plazo fomentan relaciones más profundas con el pueblo de Dios y brindan ayuda inmediata en la edificación de la iglesia.

Las iglesias están creciendo y cuatro tienen instalaciones adecuadas para apoyar ministerios vibrantes.

Pedimos Oración por la ampliación de otra iglesia misionera (La Roca).

Pedimos Oración por la continuidad de la viabilidad de la Clínica Médica Ebenezer y la expansión de la misión médica a Barrio Parque.

Pedimos Oración por la ampliación del Colegio Barrio Parque y viabilidad del Colegio El Renuevo.

Considere cómo USTED puede usar sus dones en la obra de Dios en Paraguay.