

“파라과이여, 다시 태어나라”(Paraguay must be born again)(요3:7)

Esperanza del Paraguay(“파라과이의 희망”)

파라과이 선교 계획 표어

“한 알의 밀이 땅에 떨어져 죽지 아니하면 한 알 그대로 있거니와 죽으면 많은 열매를 맺느니라”(요12:24)

3차 5개년 계획의 7대 목표: 제사장, 예배자, 제자, 증보자, 봉사자, 전도자, 행동하는 사람

2025 년 표어: 천국을 바라보자(Hacia al Cielo)

Dear Officers and Supporters of JSBMF

Hallelujah!

Greetings to the JSBMF family in the name of Jesus Christ as we head into the warmer days of spring. Of course, here in Paraguay, we are now moving into fall and the temperatures have cooled down a bit (around 86°F), making it a bit more pleasant to live in.

Since both pastoring and missions are about leading a flock, I've been praying and trying to be led by the Holy Spirit, asking myself, “How can I lead better?”

In my daily life, I ask myself, “If I go closer to the Lord, can I help the church members to resemble the image of our Lord Jesus Christ?” Just as children learn not in front of their parents, but behind their backs, I am trying to be an example for the children in the mission field, hoping that they will resemble the missionary's back.

As the Apostle Paul said, “Brothers, join in imitating me...” (Philippians 3:17)

“Be imitators of me, just as I am of Christ” (1 Corinthians 11:1)

★By the grace of God, Vacation Bible School and vacation events have been completed.






*Muchas
Gracias!*


Our summer school started in early December last year and continued through mid-February. We wrapped up all of our summer activities with a three-day Vacation Bible School. Thank you to those who partnered with us in prayer. Especially, Elder Yoon Kyu Lee and a five-member missionary team from Sacramento, California, who share fellowship in the faith, visited us and gave us a lot of encouragement. We had the largest number of children in the summer Bible school so far. We are very grateful to the missionary team for their abundant and generous preparation for 150 children each day.

During the vacation, we especially taught the leaders to recite and read the Bible and Korean. Although we cannot meet every day after school starts, we continue to teach Bible recitation and Korean on Saturdays. By the end of the year, I think they will be able to read and write Korean completely and learn many Korean nursery rhymes.

★ Sharing scholarships with students

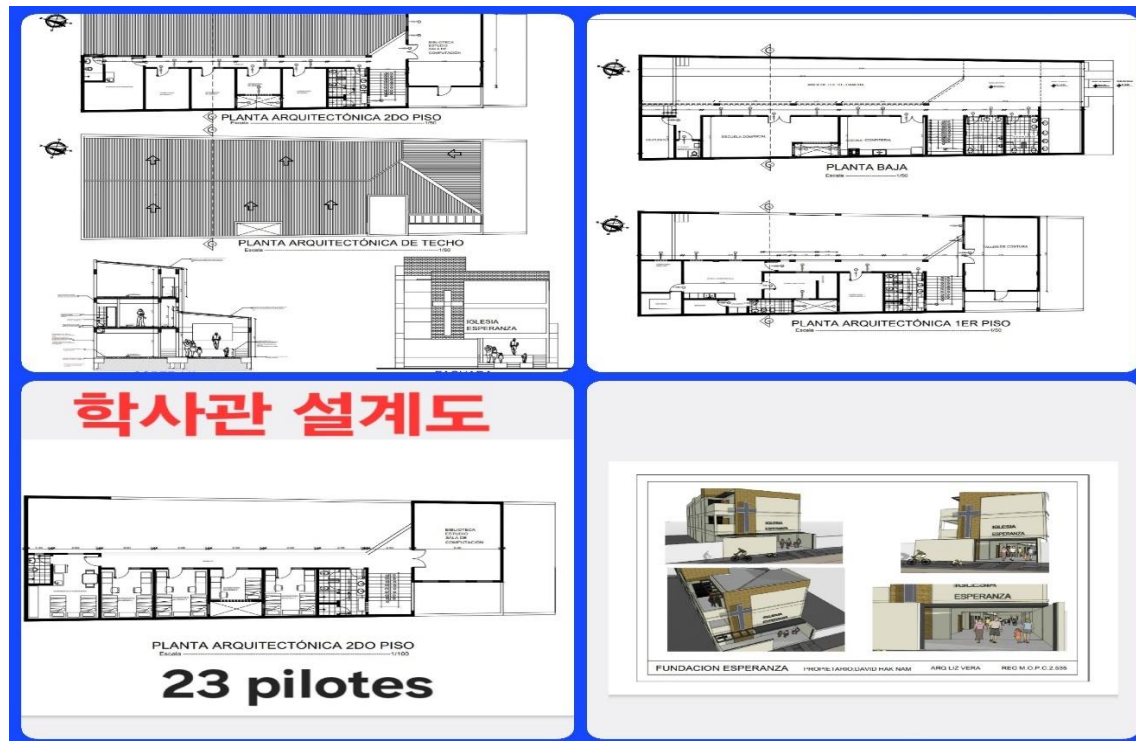
Our church gives out scholarships to students on the first Sunday of every month, and especially at the end of February, when the new semester begins, we hold an event to congratulate the scholarship recipients and inform the congregation. This year, 13 students received scholarships, and among them, a special event was the celebration of <Milagros>, who has been with me the longest, who entered college.

Entering college was something that was not expected of students from these slums, but when Milagros entered college, the thought that they could also go to college began to take root in the children's hearts. Now, when I ask the children, "What do you want to study?", they roughly express what they want to study. Children who were satisfied with just graduating from high school without any dreams or hopes are now thinking about the future. I would like to express my gratitude to all the churches and believers who have consistently sent missionary support funds through the newsletter, and to all the churches and believers who have sent scholarships. The hard work and dedication of many churches and believers is bringing a fresh wind to small countries and small regions. As I devote myself to being a missionary, I realize that missionary support funds are never a waste, but rather a cornerstone that changes someone's spirit. Hallelujah!!!



★ Please pray specifically for the construction of the
<DORMITORY FOR STUDENT>

After finishing the summer vacation event, we started preparing for the construction of the dormitory building. It is not easy to build in Paraguay. There are times where ideally, I would like to do missionary work through the easier route. I really wanted to avoid this construction because it was difficult when I first built the church building.



But as I watch them grow up, He puts it in my heart that it shouldn't end there. I believe it's the Holy Spirit's intervention. I feel the need for a dormitory to lead them to be

(1) healthy Christians, (2) to lead godly families, (3) to lead a healthy society, and (4) to lead a just nation. We want to build a home for these children where they can have room and board, the

space to study, and/or get vocational training to become mature Christians. We think of it as a modified orphan ministry. **We need \$250,000 for the entire building. We are \$100,000 short. Please join us.**

I realized at a young age that growing up without parents is more painful than poverty. It may not be easy for children to call me "Dad," but there are children who call me "Dad." That shows that they trust and follow me. I am just grateful.

I am happy and joyful to dream of the ministry that the Holy Spirit will accomplish through the completion of the construction. A building filled with children's laughter every day, children who are sometimes scolded and that cry, children who testify of accomplishment while grilling asado (a local dish) together, and children who enjoy playing sports in a small field...

I smile to myself with that image and meditate on the Lord's words.
"God in his holy place is the father of orphans and the judge of widows." (Psalm 68:5)

My heartfelt thanks to the JSBMF family for doing mission work together. Shalom.

Your Missionaries in Paraguay

Ok Jin & David Nam

**★ Prayer Topics for the 3rd 5-Year Plan for the Paraguay Mission
(September 2023 - August 2028)**

- 1. So that missionaries who will work together can come to Paraguay.**
- 2. For the construction of the Academic Building.**
- 3. For the evangelization of the entire village of , the slum where the church is located**
- 4. The 350 goal 5. For the history of soul salvation to be enriched through the**
- 6. For the continued fullness of the Holy Spirit**

"Paraguay, be born again!"

My Lord, my God. Accept us and guide us! Amen.

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