

“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

I hope all the members' families are at peace.

Here, as the end of winter approaches, the cold and heat alternate, causing many people to suffer from colds and flu.

Winter is the rainy season, so it rains frequently and the humidity is high.

My wife and I struggled for over a month, but we're now returning to normal.

We have a long way to go and work to do, so we're praying for the strength to "soar on eagles' wings," entrusting ourselves to the Lord and facing each day well.

★ Children's Day celebration event

Paraguay's Children's Day commemorates an unfortunate event: the Triple War, a war fought between Paraguay and the allied forces of Brazil, Argentina, and Uruguay (1864-1870). With no one left to fight, Paraguay dressed up young boys as adults and sent them to the battlefield. Their crushing defeat ultimately led to the surrender of the Paraguayan president. To remember these last children, August 16th is designated as Children's Day, and it is observed annually.

Certainly, Paraguay's Children's Day carries a sad history, but despite this, the innocence and purity of children are evident in Jesus' words: "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it" (Luke 18:16-17).

This Children's Day saw the largest gathering yet. With no place to play due to the construction of the dormitory building, we didn't even advertise it specially. We thought we'd just have a modest gathering with the church children this year, but 170 children showed up. The prepared food and gifts weren't enough, so we distributed all the food prepared for Sunday fellowship and the existing gifts we had. Next year's Children's Day, I expect over 300 children will come to the dormitory.

What made this Children's Day special was that I didn't take charge, but left everything up to the leaders.

From welcoming children to praise, preaching the Word, and exercise—entrusting every part of the service to the leaders after discussion, I saw them handle it well. This made me think that with just a little more training, starting next year, we could pioneer churches through street evangelism in groups. I can only give thanks for the Holy Spirit's communication and work.





★Completed the 11th week of building construction

We are grateful that the construction of the dormitory is proceeding smoothly under the Holy Spirit's guidance.

He is bringing us good people to purchase and supply materials according to the workers' needs and the construction progress. Although rising prices and the falling dollar exchange rate mean expenses will likely exceed our initial estimates, we trust the Holy Spirit will guide us through this as well.

We sincerely thank you for your prayers and support for the construction of the dormitory. We have reached the stage of preparing for the first-floor slab work. Although the winter rainy season is causing delays in construction, we trust in the diligent workers and pray that God will strengthen them. Please continue to pray for us.



Each week as we conclude, we make announcements to the congregation and encourage them to contribute to the building fund, however modest their offering may be. Where the heart is, there is provision, and the more a member gives materially, the more they feel love for the church and become a worker. Thus, this dormitory construction project is becoming an opportunity for members to shift from bystanders to participants, fostering a deeper interest in the church.

Though the offerings may be small, we believe that these little acts of devotion will gather together to stir up a great storm.

September marks my 13th year of personal mission work in Paraguay. I confess it has been solely by God's grace and the Holy Spirit's guidance. I feel I can now somewhat understand the heart of the Apostle Paul when he confessed, "By the grace of God I am what I am" (1 Corinthians 15:10). I live by seeking the Holy Spirit, discerning the Lord's purpose in sending me to Paraguay and striving to fulfill it. I pray that I may humbly and gently bear whatever form God's unfolding plan may take.

I sincerely thank all JSBMF families who partner with us in this work. 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. 350 <Warriors of Christ> Goal
5. May the salvation of souls be abundant through the Church of Hope.
6. Please fill me with the Holy Spirit and let me live according to God's will.

“Paraguay, Born Again!”

My Lord, my God. Please receive us and lead us! Amen.

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