

MISSION MINDED MEN

2018 ANNUAL PROJECT

“I was talking with a Peace Corps worker, and he said
**‘If you speak Spanish in Paraguay, it’s like
seeing Paraguay in black and white.
But if you speak Guarani, you see it in color.’”**

-KEVIN, MISSIONARY IN PARAGUAY FOR 4 YEARS

Partnering with World Gospel Mission/Men with Vision in Paraguay

Step 1: The Need

What Is Guarani? (gwahr-uh-nee)

Guarani is the language of the indigenous people of Paraguay before the Spanish explorers arrived introducing Spanish as the official language. Although most people speak Spanish, Guarani continues to be the “heart language” of Paraguay today. Spoken mostly at home or with family and friends, it builds the essential bonds of friendship and trust necessary to share the message of salvation.

Andy Bowen, a missionary to Paraguay with WGM for 24 years, noticed how Christianity progressed when missionaries learned Guarani. He founded the Guarani-Jopara Language Institute to help even more missionaries learn this unique and challenging language.

“There have been Paraguayans in Escobar who have come to a personal relationship with Jesus because they had a personal relationship with missionaries who were doing language study.”

-ANDY BOWEN

Step 2: The Challenge

Finding a Place to Live While Learning

While it is difficult to learn another language, there is one major obstacle that make the process of learning very difficult... adequate housing.

During their language studies with Andy, many missionaries have had trouble finding rental homes. It may take months to find housing near the Guarani-Jopara Language Institute. In the past, missionaries have faced challenges like mold, lack of running water and no security. This adds stress to a transition period that is already stressful enough.

Step 3: The 2018 Project

This year, by partnering with Men With Vision and Mission Minded Men, Andy will be building a house for missionaries who will study at the Institute. This project will be more than just a building, it will be a home and a place of peace and rest for those who are sacrificing for the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Andy is excited to break ground for this project, which will impact so many more lives for the gospel.

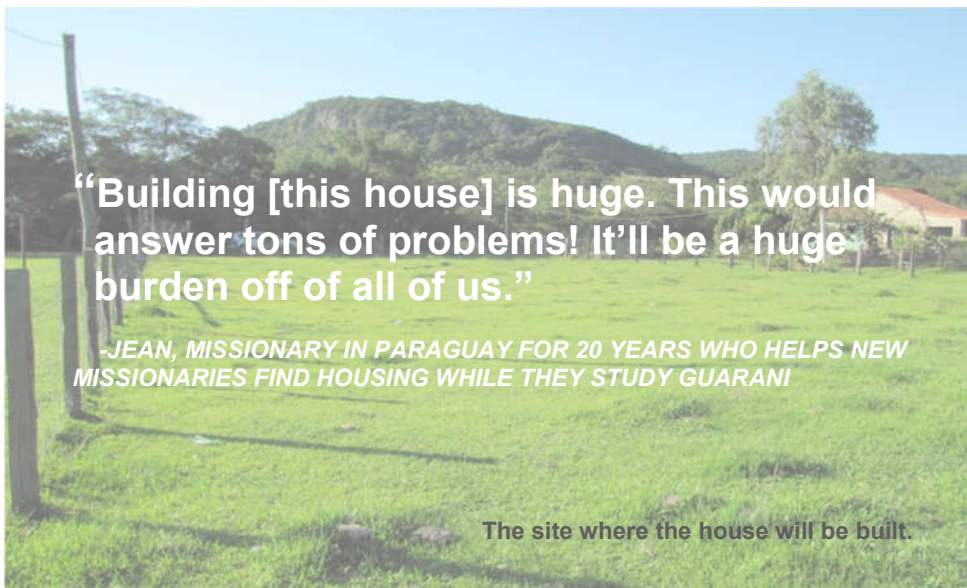


Andy shares tereré, a traditional drink of Paraguay, with his neighbors.

How Can I Help?

1. **Praying** - Pray for Andy, the missionaries and their families, the Paraguayan neighbors, and everyone who will hear the gospel as a result of the hard work at the Guarani-Jopara Language Institute.
2. **Giving** – Your generous donations will help purchase building supplies and equipment needed to complete this house for missionaries. Help to send someone on their first work team. It is truly a life changing experience.
3. **Going** – People just like you are needed to serve on work teams. Even if you are not a builder, there are many ways that you can assist with the ministry in Paraguay. Short term trips can be a great first step in seeking God’s will for your life.
4. **Connecting** - Stay up-to-date on this and others project at: facebook.com/wgmmwv. Share this information with other so they may have the opportunity to be involved in this project.

The goal of this project is to raise \$35,000.00 to complete this house for missionaries. The plan is to break ground this summer so that housing will be available for missionaries for the fall term.



“Building [this house] is huge. This would answer tons of problems! It’ll be a huge burden off of all of us.”

-JEAN, MISSIONARY IN PARAGUAY FOR 20 YEARS WHO HELPS NEW MISSIONARIES FIND HOUSING WHILE THEY STUDY GUARANI

The site where the house will be built.

“Learning Guarani makes you part of their family, and part of their community.”

-JOHN, MISSIONARY IN PARAGUAY FOR 4 YEARS

Thank you for partnering with Andy in 2018 to touch the hearts of Paraguayans, and to be an extension of God’s kingdom to them!