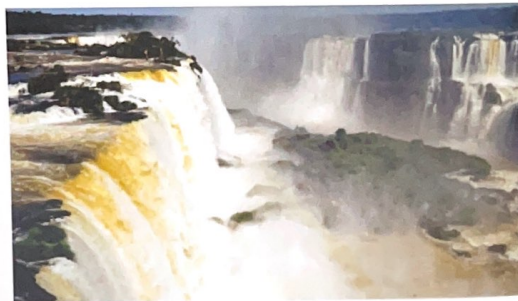


## About Paraguay

- **Paraguay** is an inland republic, bordered on the North by Bolivia and on the south by Argentina.
- **Population:** The current population is 7,220,000. This is the most racially homogeneous populations in South America.
- **Asuncion** is the capital city
- **Climate:** is subtropical with humid summers and mild winters
- **Land :** The Paraguay River divides the country into two sharply contrasting regions. The Western 2/3, Paraguay Occidental( Gran Chico) is grassy plains, swamps, scrub forest, dry, with temperatures up to 130 degrees. The Eastern one-third, Paraguay Oriental (Paraguay Proper)-the Parana Plateau, fertile grassy foothills. Lake Ypoa is the only large inland body of water.
- **Currency:** the basic unit is the guarani. Presently U.S. dollar equals 7,356 guaranies.
- **Language:** Bilingual- Spanish is the official language, but about 90% also speak Guarani.
- **Religion:** Roman Catholic, but there is freedom of religion. The Mennonites are the largest Protestant group. The Mennonites, Baptist and smaller denominations represent about 5% of the population.
- **Government:** The President has much power but is limited to a single 5 year term in office.
- **Defense:** They have small forces, but the dominate political institutions. There is a compulsory military service for males, 18-24 months.
- **History:** The Spanish Conquistadors arrived in the 1500's. Ultimately independence was declared on May 14, 1811 from Spain.
- **Background :** In the disastrous War of The Triple Alliance(1865-70), Paraguay lost 2/3 of all males and much of its territory. It stagnated economically for the next half century. In the Chaco War of 1932-35, large economically important areas were won from Bolivia. The 35-year military dictatorship of Alfredo Stroessner was overthrown in 1989, and

despite a marked increase in political infighting in recent years, relatively free and regular presidential elections have been held since then.

- **Centro Medico Bautista:** The hospital was established on Dec 8, 1952, by the International Mission Board. Missionary Franklin Fowler was the founder along with other missionary families. Dr. Bill Skinner was the second missionary to join Dr. Fowler.
- The vision of the Centro Medico Bautista is to " be a health center through which people find Jesus. Matthew 9:35: " **Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness.**" Today CMB has more than 50 specialties serving more than 150,000 patients, both inpatient and outpatient annually.



## Medical Mission

Centro Medico Bautista invites Baptist Medical Center Foundation medical mission trip this coming year. This will be our 11th mission trip.

- The U.S. mission team volunteer side with the Centro Medico Bautista conducting community clinic areas within a 3 hour radius of Asunción, Paraguay.
- The mobile clinic usually includes medical doctor stations, eye clinic, dental, and a Chaplain's corner.
- Most clinics are conducted in public buildings.
- The local pastor coordinates the mission site.
- A medical form is established for each patient and remains with the patient until they return to their pharmacy.
- Some patients are referred to other clinics for a follow up.
- During the week, the medical team visits 6 or more different locations.
- American volunteers go to Paraguay at a cost of \$2,500.00, which includes airfare, Paraguay Visa, hotel, all meals, and transportation to all clinics, porter and laundry.
- Volunteers are responsible for their own transportation to the mission site.
- An optional tour is offered to Iguazu Falls in Brazil for \$150 (today). The trip includes a Brazilian visa, transportation, meals, park fee and guide.
- Applications must be submitted by the deadline. This will go towards the mission trip. The fee must be paid when the volunteer's name is confirmed. The Iguazu Falls trip must be paid upon departure.
- A series of memos will be sent to you. Please keep the receipt of your application.

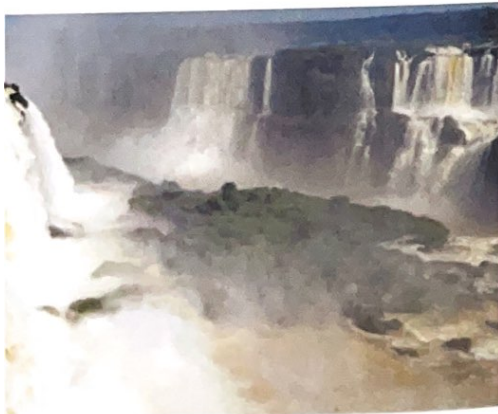
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## Medical Mission Trip

Centro Medico Bautista invites the Paraguay Baptist Medical Center Foundation to sponsor a medical mission trip this coming July 15-22, 2023. This will be our 11th mission trip.

- The U.S. mission team volunteers will work side by side with the Centro Medico Bautista staff, conducting community clinics in medically deprived areas within a 3 hour radius of Asuncion, the capitol of Paraguay.
- The mobile clinic usually includes: a triage area, medical doctor stations, eye clinic, pharmacy, and a Chaplain's corner.
- Most clinics are conducted at a church, mission or public building.
- The local pastor coordinates the volunteers at each site.
- A medical form is established at the triage area and remains with the patient until they reach the pharmacy.
- Some patients are referred to Centro Medico Bautista for a follow up.
- During the week, the medical clinic is established at 5 or 6 different locations.
- American volunteers go at their own expense. The fee is \$2,500.00, which includes international airfare, Paraguay Visa, hotel, all meals, ground transportation to all clinics, porter and restaurant gratuities.
- Volunteers are responsible for airfare or ground transportation to the international airport and return.
- An optional tour is offered at the end of the clinicals to Iguazu Fall in Brazil for \$350. The volunteer must obtain a Brazilian visa before leaving the U.S. That Visa is \$150 (today). The remaining \$200 is paid to PBMCF and includes transportation to Brazil, hotel, meals, park fee and guide fee.
- Applications must be returned with a \$200 deposit, this will go towards the \$2,500 fee. The fee of \$400 must be paid when the reservations are made in the volunteer's name. The balance of mission trip and Falls trip must be paid at least one month prior to departure.
- A series of memos will be sent to you beginning with the receipt of your application. Updates will follow.

# Volunteer Registration Form For Mission Trip

July 15- July 22, 2023

Paraguay Baptist Medical Center  
Asuncion, Paraguay, South America

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle Call Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Organization \_\_\_\_\_  
Name (if applicable)

Telephone # \_\_\_\_\_ Cell# \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Prof./Occupation \_\_\_\_\_ Type of

Skills \_\_\_\_\_

Previous Mission Experience \_\_\_\_\_

## Interested in Volunteering in The Following Areas:

Lecture and/or in -service: for Hospital Staff, Medical Staff, College of Nursing, Public Health subjects at Mobile Clinic site or Other (circle one or more)

( List subjects you are willing to teach)

**Mobile Clinic Service:** Medical, Nursing, Pharmacy, Eye, Lay helper  
( circle one )

**Witnessing :** Prayer Meeting, Teaching, One on One, Prayer Walk  
( circle all that apply )

Do you speak Spanish? \_\_\_\_\_ Do you have any health or dietary restrictions?  
Fluent Fair No

**Emergency Contact:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Name Relationship Telephone Email

With this form, please return with a deposit of \$200 ( made out to Paraguay Baptist Medical Center Foundation) and send to:

Paraguay Baptist Medical Center Foundation  
4101 W. Green Oaks Blvd., Ste. 305, # 175  
Arlington, Tx. 76016

Tel# 817-478-0600

frausa@sbcglobal.net

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

A copy of this form can be emailed to you if you wish.

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# Form For Mission Trip

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Medical Center

South America

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Education: \_\_\_\_\_  
College of Nursing, Public Health

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Specialty: \_\_\_\_\_  
Physician, Eye, Lay helper

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Health or dietary restrictions? \_\_\_\_\_

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[frausa@sbcglobal.net](mailto:frausa@sbcglobal.net)

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you if you wish.

# Paraguay Baptist Medical Center Foundation Mission Trip



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