

PARAGUAY BAPTIST MEDICAL CENTER FOUNDATION

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"And He sent them out to proclaim the kingdom of God, and to perform healing." Luke 9:2

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Since I joined the board last year, I have been overwhelmed by witnessing the committed, godly, gracious, and kind spirit of the members of the foundation, as well as the tremendous impact of the contributions that each one of you have given and continue to give to the Baptist Medical Center and the University in Paraguay. The *Hospital Bautista* stands as a strong landmark in my memory as a child and a youth growing up in Paraguay. My father was a bi-vocational pastor who also served as accountant for the *Buen Samaritano* health insurance and my mother ministered as the first female chaplain at the hospital after several years of preschool teaching. I remember the multiple times when my family and I relied on

the professional assistance, Christian spirit, and genuine caring of so many doctors, nurses, and the staff at the *Hospital Bautista*. To me it is still inspiring to remember and see through their actions – then and now – a verse from the Gospel of Matthew that encapsulates the mission of the institution and which is highlighted on a large Bible on display at the entrance of the hospital: “And Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction.” (Matthew 9:35) I can close my eyes and go back in time to see specific people from the community – including relatives, church friends, members from indigenous communities, and foreigners – receiving low cost (or even free) excellent medical attention from the hands of some of the best doctors and nurses in the country. What a joy and privilege it is to be part of the Lord’s work in Paraguay through the offerings for ongoing and special projects that together we all are able to contribute. One of the most impacting moments for me in 2021 was when I learned of the timely assistance of the foundation to develop a COVID-19 facility for testing and vaccination. What a blessing that has been for so many Paraguayan families! Allow me to encourage you to continue praying for the work that the foundation is doing and to continue giving to the multiple projects that support doctors, nurses, patients, and nursing students. As Psalm 90:17 reminds us: May the favor of the Lord our God be upon us and may he establish the work of our hands. Thanks be to God.

Alfredo Colman

Alfredo Colman
Waco, Texas.



A few of our volunteers during our last medical mission trip.



ADDITIONAL 2021 DONATIONS

In our last newsletter (Volume 21; Issue 4) listed our donors who had made contributions that were received by December 17. From December 18th thru December 31st additional contributions were received and a big Thank You to all of you.

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- Andrew de la Garza
- Donna Joule
- Samuel & Susan Ferguson
- Mike & Becki Glenn
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Thank each of you for your prayers and financial support for this ministry.

Joy of Giving

In my church in Arlington, Texas, our pastor introduced a special type of offering. In addition to our tithe, everyone was asked to give one dollar per month. A huge Dollar of a Month container is in the middle of our church entry. The "Dollar a Month" is also teaching our children the joy of giving. We have already had 4 special deserving recipients. The presentation was filmed for the church to see what a very small gift can do when we all give a little.

A dollar buys a lot more for the money in Paraguay than here in the states. Here are a few examples of what our gifts can do.

These figures are approximate:

- A pair of reading glasses - \$1.00
- Average Rx for one month - \$7.00
- Physical Therapy treatment - \$10.00
- Three month Rx - \$15.00
- Community Clinic visit w/ Rx - \$21.00
- Average 1 day in the hospital - \$38.00
- Nursing scholarship for 1 month - \$108.00
- Nursing scholarship for ½ a year - \$ 650.00

Share with family and friends - small donations are welcome and they add up to do a lot of good.

We thank those of you who have given - some sacrificially, some every month. We also have asked you to pray for this ministry- that is so important- and greatly appreciated. This is a mission field endeavor- please always remember every patient entering Centro Medico Bautista as an inpatient, community clinic, out patient or emergency room patient is prayed for and witnessed to. What a fantastic mission field.

PBMCF is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization. Your personal information and amount of your donation is never shared with anyone else.

Thank you again and God Bless,

Al Hethcock

Al Hethcock
Executive Director



	<p>SHERATON Asuncion Hotel</p> <p>EVENTO Jueves, 27 de junio de 2019</p> <h1>Universidad Centro Médico Bautista</h1> <p>Horario: 17:00 horas.</p> <p>Por favor no molestar Please do not disturb</p>	
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One of the greatest need is Nursing School Scholarships