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Paraguay



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Annual Conference

- ◆ Population: 7.2 million(57% urban)
- ◆ Major City: Asunción (2.3 million)
- ◆ Evangelical Christians: 8.1%
- ◆ FM Work Opened: 1946
- ◆ FM Churches: 23
- ◆ Houses of Peace 26
- ◆ FM Membership: 1,008
- ◆ Superintendent: Ceferino Ramirez Duarte
- ◆ Overseer: Area Director Ricardo Gómez



Juan Carlos Rodriguez

The Free Methodist Church in Paraguay

Origins

Free Methodist work in Paraguay began in Asunción in 1946 when Harold and Evalyn Ryckman arranged the purchase of a girls' orphanage and school from independent missionaries. The first church was constructed in 1949. A Bible school opened in 1953. With the help of Minoru Tsukamoto, a Japanese from Brazil, work began with the large groups of Japanese immigrants in the late 1950s.

Present Ministries

Four training centers have been established, which have been fundamental in the formation of pastors and the promotion of new house church leaders, with the primary goal of preparing them to develop a holistic ministry. In addition, the church continues to minister to children through its school and soup kitchens, and to support young people through a recreation center.

Pray for:

- the new superintendent, Juan Carlos Rodriguez, that the Lord will guide his leadership toward the restoration of Paraguay
- unity among regional leaders as they work together
- the development and empowerment of new leaders
- the creation and strengthening of programs serving youth and young adults