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**The earthly paradise, Pantanal is a place that all of Gods' creation has been kept alive as the original state centering on the Paraguay River. The garden of Eden can be revived, we will be able to live together with people from the world, feeling God's love with nature.**

True Mother's autobiography—P344

## ***Expanding God's Blessing to neighbor villages in Leda***

Since the activity of tribal messiahship became the center of the God's providence through your support, we have been able to continue our Leda activity. We would like to share with you our more recent activities. The Blessing activity has been expanding to Leda's neighbor villages, side by side with the local settlement.

There are 17 indigenous tribes in Paraguay. One of them is called "Guarani People". They are the most numerous of the tribes and live in areas spanning from Argentina, Brazil and Paraguay. The standard national language in Paraguay is the Guarani language, the language of the Guarani people. It is rare to see a country that has adopted a tribal language as their national language.

Missionaries from the Society of Jesus established around 30 communities in South America in 1609. Around 5000 natives were involved in each of the communities and in turn spread their influence on around 150,000 more people living in the surrounding areas. The Jesuits taught the natives not only Christianity but also educated them in reading, writing, art, music, musical instrument production, ironwork and metal processing. This enabled them to have a strong financial foundation. However, the Spanish government scared by their rapid development and influence, used its' military power to destroy the Jesuit settlements. (RE: Movie "Mission" by Robert De Niro) The destruction of the Jesuit foundation and its settlements happened in 1768, 8 years before the independence of USA and 20 years before the French Revolution. After this, then indigenous people scattered into the surrounding jungle. However, many kept the religious beliefs of their Jesuit education and passed their beliefs down to their children. This is the foundation of the spirituality we find in the tribal villages today.

We met the decedents of these people once scattered into the jungle. We were so surprised to see how they responded by learning the Divine Principle and understanding the meanings of the "Blessing" and "God is our True Parent". We feel that the past missionaries of the Society of Jesus are helping them from the Spirit World. True Parents' love is spreading from village to village through the Blessings we are conducting now.

**The Blessing and Seminar started last summer**  
**The first 40-day workshop with youth volunteers from Japan**



**—They eagerly listened to the lectures—**

When they were leaving for the first 40-day workshop to be had in Leda, the villagers' uneasiness was big because many had never even left their village. They were going to be taken to an unknown distant place for 40 days. Their families who stayed home were uneasy as well. Some people canceled to attend because they heard rumors from the Christian churches saying, they will be kidnapped and held in a strange place". But they returned home as the promised, happy and in high spirits. This resulted in talk throughout the villages about what a good experience they had had and that led to a second, 40-day workshop soon after.

**—A wife and husband and a family embracing welcoming the father home—**



**—Education for the youth (January 2020)**



**—A wife giving her testimony that her husband stopped drinking and became so kind to her after the workshop—**



From this village, 20 couples including a tribal chief couple became our regular members. After seeing fish farming in Leda, they took their own initiative to start making a pond for fish farming. They will raise pacu fish. It is radical for them to begin voluntarily without asking for others' support.



**Mr. Nakata teaching them how to make a fish farming pond**

**\* Former President and the First Lady of Paraguay presented a bouquet of flower to True Parents**, representing all blessed families at the 2020 Cosmic Blessing. This pleased True Mother because during his presidency, he attended the first Pacu Fish Releasing Ceremony. Since then, they visited Korea every year and became a blessed family.



**—A congress woman, Prof. Dra. Hermelinda Alvarenga de Ortega visited Asuncion Family Federation—**



Congress women, Prof. Dra. Hermelinda Alvarenga de Ortega, and her husband, Dr. Dionisio Ortega had studied at Yokohama National University for three years. They both had been very impressed by the Japanese education system. As soon as they returned to Paraguay, they founded a private school, which they named "Nihon Gakko" based on the Japanese education system. Later on, in the evaluation of their school, they received a high level of certification for all grade levels, kindergarten to college and for graduates most likely to succeed.

Because of her support for the indigenous people's issues, Mr. Sano visited her. She had been able to support the indigenous tribes financially in the past. However, she had been frustrated by her lack to be able to support them through meaningful projects. She showed interest in our family education program through the Blessing. It did not take long for her to visit the 40-day workshop. At her visitation, there was a graduation ceremony and she listened attentively for the whole two hours. It seemed she was so moved by indigenous peoples' testimonies. She opened up to us by saying, because her family was poor when she was young, they went through many hardships together. Therefore, she understands the importance of education. The reason why she came to our church was to work together with us from now on. I feel she is a person Heaven prepared for the providence.

**Photo: Prof. Ortega and the second 40-day workshop attendees (Front row, third from left, Lecturer Mr. Sixto, Pastor Gastavo of Family Church, President of Paraguay Family Church Rev. Soe, Prof. Ortega, Mr. Nakata, Mr. Sano)**



**— An abandoned Christian Church reborn to Family Church—**



Sunday Service holding at the abandoned Christian church building. It will be useful as a church building if it is fixed.



**Mr. Sano giving the Blessing prayer at Indio's village**

**—A Christian Pastor who lives 40 miles away from the village, attended the village Sunday Service because he heard a good rumor and he was so moved—**

He had never heard about “the importance of family, unity of husband and wife, parents and children, brothers and sisters centering on true love.” He requested us to come to his village and explain his people about the Blessing. I feel our witnessing work began to catch fire.

**\* We received the surprised report and photo from one of 40-day workshop attendees,** saying that they begun their own Family Church in the poorest village. They do not have enough food to eat in the village. I feel the Guaraní people are something different from others with their meritorious ancestors. There are so many children at every family such 10 members in one family. They are very pure. Middle schoolers and high schoolers' seminar are very inspiring. In the future Blessing activity, Leda will be an important role as the workshop location.

“I started the 17 nations' tour for the Central and South America from Paraguay on May 16, 1995. We need to subsume indigos, the Guaraní people.” (Chang Pumo Gkyeong P1232/ 20) True Father mentioned that Paraguay would be the second Korea.



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