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# Paraguay and region

“Locally relevant and regionally significant” – this is one of our guiding principles in developing mission partnerships and programmes in Latin America.

In Paraguay we support work amongst older people, youth and pre-school aged children that is making a difference, not only in Peru and Ecuador where BMS have personnel, but right across the continent by empowering and inspiring national churches.



## PRAY FOR:

SUNDAY

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The exciting new mission bridge between UK and Paraguayan Baptists to help local churches reach older people with the gospel of life in all its fullness!

MONDAY

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**Pastor Osmar Villelba and his wife Elena**, supported by BMS to inspire and train local churches in Asunción to begin work with older people.

TUESDAY

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Creative ways and enthusiastic local leaders to work to involve UK church members, especially the 60+ group, in developing this partnership in mission.

WEDNESDAY

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The PEPE pre-school mission programme, which continues to expand across Latin America. Pray for the effectiveness of new BMS grants to help train national co-ordinators.

THURSDAY

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**Lidia Klava**, the Brazilian missionary (jointly supported by BMS) who is Regional Co-ordinator for all Latin America, working on behalf of the more than 1,500 Spanish-speaking children in PEPE pre-schools today.

FRIDAY

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The Extreme Latin America Youth Mission Programme, begun jointly by BMS and the Brazilian Baptist Missionary Society. It is mobilising young people across the continent into mission.

SATURDAY

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The work of the Baptist Union of Latin America that helps stimulate and co-ordinate the efforts of all the national churches in response to mission challenges.

## FACTFILE:



**Capital:** Asunción  
**Area:** 406,752 sq km  
**Population:** 6,995,655  
**Major trade partners (% of exports):** Brazil 21%, Uruguay 17%, Chile 12%, Argentina 11%  
**Population growth rate:** 2.36%

*There are 38 PEPE pre-schools in Paraguay, helping a total of 850 children*