

## A15 Afternoon Tours – July 15, 16, 17 and 18

### 1. **Tour 1 - Leprosy Mission at KM 81 (#1 – KM 81)**

This internationally renowned leprosy hospital and general clinic was begun by the Mennonites in the late 1940's and early 1950's. While eradicated in many countries this preventable disease continues to linger on in parts of the world including South America. The on-site medical services are complemented by extensive medical explorations into the country side seeking to prevent the disease. In the course of 50 years, thousands of individuals suffering from leprosy have been treated at KM 81 or from there.

Schedule: Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday

### 2. **Tour 2 - City Tour – Market 4 (#2 – City Market 4)**

Paraguay has a long tradition of open street markets. Today's markets are set aside areas, many enclosed in little shops or large concrete buildings. Mercado Cuatro (Market #4) is an especially large market operating daily in the vicinity of Pettirossi and Peru's Streets. It is a good introduction to Paraguay to walk through such a market and enjoy a fascinating cultural experience. Also enjoy a tour of the old city.

Schedule: Wednesday, Thursday, Friday

### 3. **Tour 3 - City Tour – Paraguayan Artisans (#3 – City Artisans)**

Enjoy a rich cultural experience and the opportunity to take some of that experience home with you. Available to purchase will be a wide range of crafts produced by local artisans – with particular emphasis on leather, ceramics and clothing. To enhance your shopping experience enjoy the music and dance of local artists. Located at Choferes del Chaco casi Pacheco. Also enjoy a tour of the old city.

Schedule: Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday

### 4. **Tour 4 -City Tour – Concordia church (#4 – Concordia)**

An opportunity to buy locally made crafts, organized by women of German-speaking and Spanish-speaking Mennonite Churches in the Asuncion area. This tour will also provide the opportunity to see the Mennonite campus where both the church and Concordia high school are located. Also enjoy a tour of the old city.

Schedule: Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday

### 5. **Tour 5 - Voluntary Service Projects (Christlicher Dienst) (#5 – Service Proj)**

This Christian mission and service organization, begun by Mennonite churches in Paraguay in 1951 has as its motto "a place where Christian love is made practical and real". Over 100 volunteers serve annually. Projects included in the tour are "**Emanuel**" **Day Care Center**: reaching 70 infants, 100+ school children, 85 mothers. "**El Abrigo**" shelter for street children reaching 53 children. **PROED** elementary school reaching 250 pupils.

Schedule: Thursday, Friday

### 6. **Tour 6 - Centro Evangelico Mennonita de Teologia Asuncion (CEMTA), Mennonite Seminary (#6 – CEMTA)**

**CEMTA** was begun in Montevideo, Uruguay, in 1956, and is continuing, since 1977, as the Mennonite Church Seminary in Asuncion. It emphasizes music and theology and provides a 6 year program for pastors. It is also associated with the Evangelical University of Paraguay. It is carried financially by the Mennonite churches in South America.

Schedule: Wednesday, Friday

### 7. **Tour 7 - Radio Obedira/IBA/Colegio Alberto Schweitzer (#7 – Radio/IBA/CAC)**

The above are 3 projects of the Mennonite Brethren Church in Paraguay. **Radio Obedira**, begun in 1993, broadcasts in both Spanish and Guarani throughout Paraguay. It describes itself as a "radio that you may have life". **IBA** was created as a seminary to form leaders for the future. It is also associated with the Evangelical University of Paraguay. **Colegio Alberto Schweitzer**, was founded in the mid 1960's as a community outreach to serve the needy of Asuncion's population. It offers instruction from Kindergarten through high school.

Schedule: Thursday, Saturday

**8. Tour 8 - Red Guarani – The Family Channel (#8 - Red G. TV)**

This Mennonite Brethren initiated Christian TV station attempts to penetrate average Paraguayan families with a variety of programs including interviews, music, sports, news, documentaries as well as regular programs for women and children. It also has Bible studies, and other religious programming.

Schedule: Wednesday, Friday

**9. Tour 9 - Mennonite founded/run businesses (#9 – Business)**

Numerous Mennonite founded and run businesses and industrial plants operate in Asuncion. Many are today very large businesses which employ many people and have a major impact on the local economy. This tour of a sampling of local businesses is being organized by Capellania Empresarial, a Mennonite created chaplaincy with functions similar to an employee assistance program with a Christian emphasis.

Schedule: Thursday

**10. Tour 10 - Fundacion Vision (#10 – F. Vision)**

Fundacion Vision was founded in 1992 by Dr. Rainald Duerksen. His objective was to help not only the rich but also the poor and low income individuals and families to get high quality eye treatment including eye health and surgery. It started small in a building behind the Baptist hospital but is now moving into a new much larger facility. Since 1992 300,000 individuals have been served of which 22,000 received eye surgery. Much unmet need remains, however.

Schedule: Wednesday, Friday