

# Maplewood Academy Paraguay Mission Trip 2025

Purpose : Children's Ministry / VBS

When: Mar 6 - 16, 2025

## Summary

Join Maplewood Academy (Hutchinson, Minnesota) on a life-changing mission trip to Paraguay this Spring Break, March 6–16, 2025! Partnering with Colegio Adventista de Paraguay, this trip provides students and laypeople the opportunity to grow in their faith through service and evangelism. Activities include assisting with construction projects, leading a Vacation Bible School for children, and supporting local pastors in evangelistic meetings.

This mission trip is designed to inspire a culture of service and share the love of Jesus across borders. Don't miss this incredible opportunity to make an eternal impact while deepening your personal walk with God!

## Projects

From March 7-12:

During our time at **Colegio Adventista de Paraguay** (CADEP), we will engage in both spiritual and practical service activities to support the community and the school. Here's what we'll be doing:

## Church Visits

We will visit the following churches in Colônia Iguaçu and Paraguay, actively participating in their worship services and connecting with the local congregations:

- Igreja no km 30 Colônia Iguaçu
- Igreja no km 40 Colônia Iguaçu
- Igreja Malhorkin km 30 Colônia Iguaçu
- Igreja CADEP De Paraguay

## Service Projects

We'll contribute to CADEP by helping with several key projects:

1. **English Conversational Classes:** Assisting with teaching conversational English to students, helping them improve their language skills.
2. **Painting:** Freshening up the facility by painting designated areas.
3. **Construction Projects:** Supporting ongoing building initiatives by organizing and preparing areas and

assisting with construction tasks.

4. **Waste Management:** Collecting and transporting trash to the dumping area to help maintain a clean environment.
5. **Children's Programs:** Conducting engaging and fun programs for lower-grade students at the school, focusing on spiritual and educational themes.
6. **Organizing Building Projects:** Helping to organize and prepare materials and spaces needed for upcoming building efforts.

## Objective

These activities aim to foster spiritual growth, build relationships, and provide practical assistance to the CADEP community. We'll work together as a team to make a meaningful impact and share Christ's love through both words and actions.

### Lodging & Food

## Accommodations

CADEP offers residential rooms that are equipped with air conditioning and private bathrooms. The occupancy per room ranges from 2 to 8 people, depending on the room size. Each participant is required to bring their own bedding and personal hygiene items, as these are not provided.

## Meals

All meals while on campus (breakfast, lunch, and dinner) are included in the arrangements. However, meals during the travel to and from CADEP, as well as meals during excursions, shopping trips, or sightseeing outings, will need to be covered by the volunteers at their own expense.

## Security

CADEP ensures safety through 24-hour security at the entrance gate. Additionally, adult staff members are present in the residential areas to provide supervision and maintain a secure environment.

### Health Notes

## Health Requirements

It is mandatory for all participants to receive the **Yellow Fever vaccine** before traveling. Participants should also ensure they have any additional vaccinations or medications required for travel to the region. It is recommended to consult with a healthcare provider or travel clinic to confirm health preparations based on the area being visited.

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**Where**

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Paraguay, Brazil, Argentina	Mar 6 - 16, 2025	Mission/Service	Children's Ministry / VBS	
<b>Cost</b>	<b>People Needed</b>	<b>Participants</b>	<b>Target Age</b>	<b>Skills</b>
\$0.00	30 - 45	Total: 43 (Denominational Employees: 10, Other: 33)	Target Age: Any	Skills: Any

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**Website** Not Specified

**Registration** Closed

Signup here



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**Visiting** N/A

**World Divisions** South American Division, South American Division, South American Division

**Host Contact** Colegio Adventista De Paraguay

## Travel Advisory

### Paraguay

**1** Exercise normal precautions

*Reissued with obsolete COVID-19 page links removed.*

Exercise normal precautions in Paraguay. Some areas have increased crime risk. Read the entire Travel Advisory.

Exercise increased caution in:

- Amambay, Alto Paraná, Canindeyu, San Pedro, and Concepcion departments due to **crime**.

Read the [country information page](#) for additional information on travel to Paraguay.

If you decide to travel to Paraguay:

- Enroll in the [Smart Traveler Enrollment Program \(STEP\)](#) to receive Alerts and make it easier to locate you in an emergency.
- Follow the Department of State on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).
- Review the [Country Security Report](#) for Paraguay.
- Prepare a contingency plan for emergency situations. Review the [Traveler's Checklist](#).
- Visit the CDC page for the latest [Travel Health Information](#) related to your travel.

### Departments of Amambay, Alto Paraná, Canindeyu, San Pedro, and Concepcion – Level 2: Exercise Increased Caution

Transnational criminal elements are active and engage in illicit trafficking of arms, narcotics, and goods in these departments, which are located along Paraguay's northeastern border with Brazil. Police presence is limited.

U.S. government personnel must provide advance notice when traveling to these areas.

## Brazil

### 2 Exercise increased caution

#### Reissued with updates to Country Summary.

Exercise increased caution in Brazil due to **crime**. Some areas have increased risk. Read the entire Travel Advisory.

Do not travel to:

- Any areas within 150 km/100 miles of Brazil's land borders with Venezuela, Colombia, Peru, Bolivia, Guyana, Suriname, French Guiana, and Paraguay due to **crime**. (Note: This does not apply to the Foz do Iguacu National Park or Pantanal National Park.)
- Informal housing developments (commonly referred to in Brazil as favelas, vilas, comunidades, and/or conglomerados) at any time of day due to **crime** (see additional information below).
- Brasilia's administrative regions (commonly known as "satellite cities") of Ceilandia, Santa Maria, Sao Sebastiao, and Paranoa during non-daylight hours due to **crime** (see additional information below).

**Country Summary:** Violent crime, such as murder, armed robbery, and carjacking, is common in urban areas, day and night. Gang activity and organized crime is widespread. Assaults, including with sedatives and drugs placed in drinks, are common. U.S. government personnel are discouraged from using municipal buses in all parts of Brazil due to an elevated risk of robbery and assault at any time of day, and especially at night.

If you decide to travel to Brazil:

- Be aware of your surroundings.
- Do not physically resist any robbery attempt.
- Do not accept food or drinks from strangers.
- Use caution when walking or driving at night.
- Avoid going to bars or nightclubs alone.
- Avoid walking on beaches after dark.
- Do not display signs of wealth, such as wearing expensive watches or jewelry.

- Be extra vigilant when visiting banks or ATMs.
- Use caution at, or going to, major transportation centers or on public transportation, especially at night. Passengers face an elevated risk of robbery or assault using public, municipal bus transportation throughout Brazil.
- Use increased caution when hiking in isolated areas.
- Enroll in the [Smart Traveler Enrollment Program \(STEP\)](#) to receive Alerts and make it easier to locate you in an emergency.
- Follow the Department of State on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).
- Review the [Country Security Report](#) for Brazil.
- Prepare a contingency plan for emergency situations. Review the [Traveler's Checklist](#).
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#### **International Borders – Level 4: Do Not Travel**

U.S. government personnel are not permitted to travel to areas within 150 km/100 miles of the international land borders with Venezuela, Colombia, Peru, Bolivia, Guyana, Suriname, French Guiana, and Paraguay without advance approval from security officials due to crime. Travel to the Foz do Iguacu National Park and Pantanal National Park is permitted.

Visit our website for [Travel to High-Risk Areas](#).

#### **Informal Housing Developments (commonly known as “Favelas”) – Level 4: Do Not Travel**

Do not travel to informal housing developments (commonly referred to in Brazil as favelas, vilas, comunidades, and/or conglomerados), even on a guided tour. Neither the tour companies nor the police can guarantee your safety when entering these communities. Even in these communities that the police or local governments deem safe, the situation can change quickly and without notice. While some informal housing developments have clear boundaries or gates, or even names such as “favela”, “vila”, “comunidade”, or “conglomerado”, other such developments may be less obvious, and may be identified by crowded quarters, poorer conditions, and/or irregular construction. In addition, exercise caution in areas surrounding these communities, as occasionally, inter-gang fighting and confrontations with police move beyond the confines of these communities. Except under limited circumstances and with advance approval, U.S. government personnel are not permitted to enter any informal housing developments in Brazil. Read the Safety and Security Section on the [country information page](#) and consult [the maps on the Embassy's website](#) for further information regarding favelas.

Visit our website for [Travel High-Risk Areas](#).

#### **Brasilia's Administrative Regions (commonly known as “Satellite Cities”) – Level 4: Do Not Travel**

Without advance approval from security officials, U.S. government personnel are not permitted to travel to Brasilia's Administrative Regions of Ceilandia, Santa Maria, Sao Sebastiao, and Paranoa between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. (non-daylight hours) due to crime.

Visit our website for [Travel to High-Risk Areas](#).

## Argentina

**1** Exercise normal precautions

*Reissued with updates to crime information.*

Exercise normal precautions in Argentina. Some areas have increased risk. Read the entire Travel Advisory.

**Exercise increased caution in:**

- City of Rosario (Santa Fe province) due to **crime**.

Read the [country information page](#) for additional information on travel to Argentina.

If you decide to travel to Argentina:

- Enroll in the [Smart Traveler Enrollment Program \(STEP\)](#) to receive Alerts and make it easier to locate you in an emergency.
- Follow the Department of State on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).
- Review the [Country Security Report](#) for Argentina.
- Prepare a contingency plan for emergency situations. Review the [Traveler's Checklist](#).
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**City of Rosario – Level 2: Exercise Increased Caution**

Criminal and narcotics trafficking elements are active in Rosario (Santa Fe province) resulting in increased crime and violence.

U.S. Embassy personnel are required to give advance notice before traveling to Rosario.