

## *Training Conference-Guarani Translation*



Steve Zeinner, Steve Combs, and Randy Williams traveled to Asuncion, Paraguay, South America in late August 2019 to hold a training conference for the translators, who are translating the Bible into the Guarani language. The Guarani people are an indigenous people living primarily in Paraguay, but also in Brazil, Bolivia, Uruguay, and Argentina. They number about 257,000. They are in need of a truly accurate Bible in their language.



We stayed at the home of Manuel Rodriguez and his wonderful family. In Asuncion, he leads a ministry with two churches and two village mission churches and a Bible institute.



We arrived on Friday night. Saturday evening we met with the translators for the first time. We spoke and then answered questions. They had many very good questions about how to translate the Bible. They had already finished the first draft of a translation of the Book of John into the Guarani language.



Our companion, Randy Williams, is a deacon at Plantation Baptist Church, our headquarters church. He was a great blessing to have along and became a good friend. He preached twice and did a great job. He is also a graphic artist. On the way to Paraguay, he designed a new logo for us and refined it after we got there. You can see it now above and on our web site. He also did some formatting of the Guarani Gospel of John and helped with the audio-video of some of the presentations.



The remainder of the Week we preached in the churches, taught classes on Bible translation to the translators and Bible students, and answered questions.



Among the highlights of the trip was an excursion on the second Saturday to one of the village missions. We visited some people and Steve Combs preached in the church there. Another highlight was passing out Spanish tracts and Spanish John-Romans booklets in downtown Asuncion.

While were there we also visited a print shop that we may use to print the Guarani John-Romans booklets when they are done.