

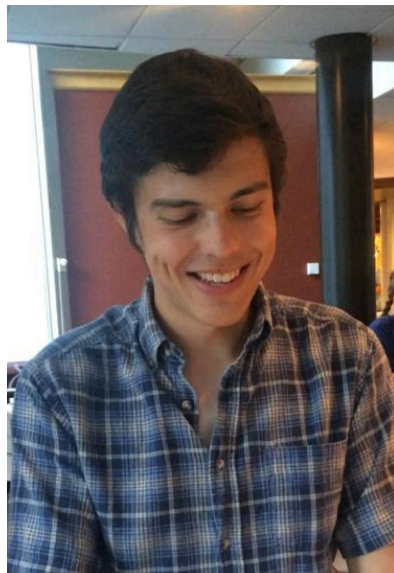


Grace Kim (18) USA

Before starting college, Grace wanted to do something in another country where she could make a positive difference for others. Working with a team of like-minded and like-hearted volunteers from around the world in the Pantanal is a great place to start. Grace looks forward to working at the school but also hopes to play soccer and frisbee with the children of Esperanza. She loves to join in singing and if you brought a violin, she can make it sing as well.

Jacques Chaumont (19) USA

Jacques, or Jack as he is called, is a computer science and math major with a minor in Japanese at Williams College. He loves playing Rugby and other sports, yet manages to find time to help teach and tutor others. He has been a media consultant for students and faculty at his school and helps his church with IT and media support. If you need to have a rubik puzzle solved, he does those in his free time.



Noriyasu Takikawa (22) Japan

Noriyasu, or simply Nori, has been looking forward to returning to the Pantanal since he has been a volunteer on the Japanese, sponsored service project in the past. Nori has a strong interest in different cultures and recently has spent time in Korea. One of the things he wants to work on during this time is developing a heart of compassion for people and concern for the natural world.



Kyle Yoder (30) USA

Kyle graduated with a degree in Business Administration from the University of Colorado in the USA and is currently running his own business. With a passion for soccer, mountain bikes, horse riding, and snowboarding, as well as fitness and nutrition, he is ready to tackle the physical challenges ahead of us. A constant learner with a strong work ethic and skills in organization, he wants to bring home insights about sustainable living and a deeper sense of Dr. Moon's efforts in South America. Kyle said, "Coming from the USA, I want to give something back."

Benedicte Johansen (21) Norway

Benedicte is from the scenic community of Auli, and her love of nature has led to her to earn her professional certificate in Landscaping. Her keen interest in meeting people, discovering other cultures and offering her heart and skills in service to others brings her to Paraguay. She actively volunteers for IRFF work, including sending clothes to those in need. She also enjoys reading, drawing and hiking.



Janika Hritz (24) Germany

Janika from Bremerhaven, Germany graduated from her university in Marine Technologies and has a deep appreciation of the sea. She loves sports, enjoys painting and reading, and takes great delight in nature. She has done some agricultural work and is interested in learning about and experiencing different lifestyles. She is especially happy when she can make people laugh. Interest in Latin America helped her take her Spanish language studies seriously. Ask Janika why she works with such dedication and she will say, "I strive to be a good role model for others."



Lina Tuzet (25) Canada

Lina from Montreal is an outreach worker who has made serving people one of her priorities in life. She has worked as a volunteer in Oceania for a year and has a dream of working in Africa. She enjoys snowboarding, yoga and dancing and has been working on her Spanish for projects like this. Her wish in Paraguay is to learn more culture, make an impact and meet amazing people. Lina is a person who practices the motto, "Rise up to the challenge".

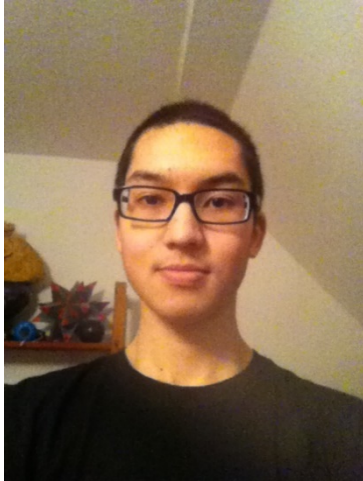
Mirleissy Izaquirre (20) Venezuela

Mirleissy from Caracas, enjoys the arts and has spent a year doing modern dance. As a volunteer she has been active with CARP, a college organization, and has worked on programs promoting healthy lifestyles. She took last year off from her studies in physiotherapy to work as a volunteer in Argentina. She has a spiritual longing to serve people in other nations. In particular, her dream is to set up a School of the Arts to help children develop their talents.



Takeshi Tsusaka Park (18) Uruguay

Takeshi is a student living in Montevideo. He was moved by the efforts of the Japanese in Leda and desired an opportunity to help in some way. He is the top student in his military high school and has a special interest in science, which he wants to utilize to contribute to society. He is tri-lingual (Spanish, Japanese and English) and looks forward to making new friends. He sees this project as one that can introduce him to a deeper understanding of God and the creation.



Dominick Schmitt (21) Germany

Dominik is a student whose major at the University of Bonn is agriculture. A good organizer who has served as the National Director of HARP, a program for highschoolers, in Germany, he enjoys playing the guitar, singing, jogging and swimming and takes pleasure in being a "joy-giver". Inspired by Dr. Moon's love of nature and his deep concern to eradicate world hunger, Dominick is striving to develop a brighter future for humanity through developing agriculture and aquaculture.

Kana Inaba (23) USA

Kana majors in Spanish at Arizona State University and would like to become a translator. She is fluent in Japanese and English and has six years of work experience in her parents' Japanese restaurant. Because she is good listener, she sees this project as a great way to learn about other cultures and make new friends.



Maria Eugenia Merica (21) Uruguay

Maria is passionate about music and is currently a musicology major who sings, plays guitar and the ukulele, and also enjoys photography. She is always excited to be able to offer the songs of her culture to the people she meets. An advocate of team work, she is tri-lingual (Spanish, Japanese and English) and looks forward to becoming a good friend with all those who are sharing this adventure.



Adeline Hanssen (20) USA

Adeline is creating a path to be a foreign correspondent through learning and discovering on each step of her journey. While she enjoys playing the piano and ukulele, she is an excellent student and loves running long distances. During the summer months, she often works as a lifeguard. Active in offering service to the community, one of her best experiences was organizing and working on service and education projects in Zambia, where she was doing field work while attending the Next Generation Academy.

Ezekiel Pobanz (24) USA

Ezekiel, or Zeke, is a recent graduate of the University of North Carolina, where he focused on English and Mid-East Studies. Camping, ultimate frisbee and learning new things are high on his list of interests. He spent time in Europe doing service work with YSI and in the USA with RYS. Working in Esperanza will pull him out of his comfort zone and he looks forward to offering his best to those living in the community. Maybe ultimate frisbee will make a major debut in Esperanza this summer.



Yeniffer Vargas (20) Venezuela

Yeniffer from Caracas has organizational ability and a skill for putting public events together. From this it is clear that she has a heart that loves to serve. Over the past two years she has coordinated social services through a foundation sponsored by the FFWPU. Currently taking time away from her studies in Occupational Therapy, Yeniffer is hoping to contribute in Paraguay and then share what she has learned when she returns home. She enjoys cooking, nature, team work and intercultural sharing, and she is looking forward to meeting you.



Sunya Mouada (19) USA

Sunya is studying Spanish at Fordham University where she continues to show her strong love for sports and to pursue academic excellence. Gardening, photography and videography are among her interests. She is looking forward to the Paraguay experience expanding her cultural horizons. Understanding the importance of service, she has worked in an orphanage in Mexico and with Native Americans in Maine. She is looking forward to building long-lasting friendships with those on the project in the community.

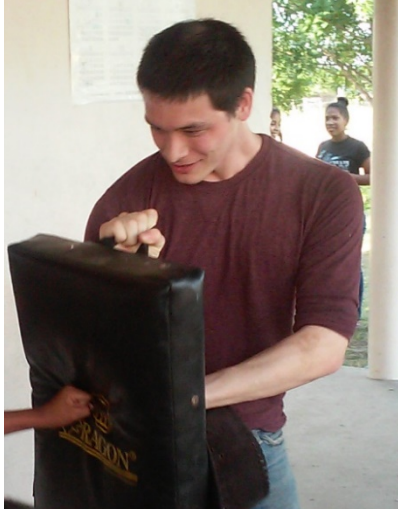
Joshika Anderson (17) USA

Joshika has been dancing since she was three years old and has a love for tap, hip hop, ballet and jazz dance. She has performed in Korea at the late Rev. Sun Myung Moon's Seong Hwa in a small dance troop where she was the youngest dancer. Currently a high school senior living in New Jersey, USA, she is active in community service working with Students in Action. Her beliefs include the moral precept that everyone deserves clean water and the basics in life. In Paraguay she anticipates learning about agriculture and the natural environment. She is excited to offer her heart and service, and eager to demonstrate the power of dance.



Sunjo Hendricks (26) USA

Sunjo is a performer who does improvisation, play guitars, sings and does the sound board. His college degree was fittingly in Performing Arts. He loves sports and outdoor activities and in each of the past 14 years, he took greater roles and responsibilities at Camp Sunrise, a summer youth camp, in New York State. Always interested in learning something new and widening his understanding, he is looking forward to finding a variety of ways to add something to each of our lives.



Hye-Chun Gehring (27) USA

Hye-Chun is a graduate of Montclair State University and is currently a volunteer at the Leda Settlement. 'Chun' wrestled, played football and was into track and field but recently he has been learning the art of fishing in the Pantanal. One of his favorite ways of expressing his creativity is through playing the guitar.

Nurlyn Nadira Salinas Cardoso (18) Honduras

Nurlyn Salinas lives in Honduras and has already taken part in four international service projects in Central America. For Nurlyn, "Service brings a different kind of happiness, so pure and clean. You gain heart-melting smiles and deep satisfaction." She has helped guide younger children's education and has a love for dance. She hopes to follow, her dad's footsteps as an organizer of various international service projects. Nurlyn hopes to inspire the village with a big dose of her "Can-do spirit".



Leo Pierson (20) USA

Leo is a college student who loves sports and fitness training and would like to develop into a great sports coach. At church, he has a teacher and mentor for many of the younger students and has contributed his time and energy on local service projects. Leo sees the current project as a special opportunity to acknowledge God since his studies and work have taken much of his attention lately. Team work, ultimate frisbee and a well-played volleyball game will often inspire him. This is his first trip outside the USA and he is hoping to acquire many new perspectives.



Kosei Matsuda (17) USA

Kosei is looking forward to contributing in various ways in Paraguay, including using his Spanish when needed. He enjoys computer programming and fixing computers, and was in a computer science club. He loves playing volleyball and frisbee and can on occasion cook up something special up for his friends. Kosei is hoping to experience fruitful cooperation and camaraderie on this project.

Rie Niina Bien (31) USA

Rie Niina Bien came from Miyazaki, Japan. After studying English and Korean at Sun Moon University, she spent time volunteering with youth groups in Fukuoka, Japan and in Hawaii. She has spent the last five years living in America with her husband, where she continues to contribute to the Japanese community and the arts. In Paraguay, she is determined to live for the sake of others, which is at the heart of her and volunteerism.



Tomás Ramón Antúnez Meza (24) Paraguay

A professional teacher with an interest in finance, Tomas is a man who combines faith with action. Service is one way he feels closer to God. Being able to work with members of our global family in one of the poorer communities of his country is something he feels honored to participate in.



Zaida Bouon Sandoval Vargas (17) ***Bolivia***

Zaida has a love for God, the creation and God's sons and daughters. She enjoys offering her service and was a participant in the Peace Road Event in La Paz. She has recently been part of a spiritual workshop in Argentina is happy to meet people from many different cultural backgrounds. She believes that in people and in nature you can hear the voice of God, so she is listening carefully to us all. She is inspired by Rev. Moon's vision to establish a world of peace and wants to vigorously contribute to this project.

Philsung Paquet (19) USA

Philsung is a student at Montclair State University, has been a camp counselor, spent 150 hours as a latchkey tutor and has contributed to a variety of local service programs. His love of sports includes playing soccer and wrestling for his college. Philsung is interested in global events and wants to be able to make a positive difference both locally and internationally. He is happy to offer up his best effort in serving the children of Esperanza.



Stephen Bien (26) USA

A teacher in heart and profession, Stephen began teaching math by the Kumon Method 14 years ago and is currently a math teacher in public school. Experienced in working in Latin America, Stephen has been active in international service work through the Religious Youth Service (RYS) and the Special Task Force (STF). His time as a team leader helped him learn more about patience and instilling confidence in others. Stephen looks forward to deepening his relationship with God through this project because that inevitably happens whenever he is involved in service.



,Yugen Takii (20) USA

Yugen has a passion to work in a self-sustaining community. After the project, he plans to stay in Leda for several months to do work and research. Last year, he spent time working in Panama with Global Peace Academy on a recycling program. He is very interested in learning different approaches to organic farming that have been implemented in various parts of the world. Yugen enjoys singing, frisbee, volleyball, cooking and making friends.

From Owin Pierson (23) USA

Owin graduated college with degrees in psychology and elementary education – areas he feels compelled to work in. He spent years as a youth pastor in Northern Virginia and loves working with individuals and groups. Serving as a mentor and good example, Owin has devoted considerable time and energy to work with autistic children and also has been an assistant camp director. His passion for photography is complemented by his ability to see things in a unique way. He recently went to Ecuador to study and learn its language and culture. He sees this journey to Paraguay as an excellent opportunity to offer his heart and skills.





REV. CAROL D. POBANZ

Carol Pobanz is a multifaceted person who is an artist, a minister and a pioneer of service-learning programs. For nearly three decades she has pioneered church centers in two cities. She has also served as an assistant Regional Director of Family Federation for World Peace, from 1996 until 2003, and as NJ State Leader. Going beyond the typical ministry, she has organized and guided interreligious service and art-based service projects as a staff member of the Universal Peace Federation/Religious Youth Service in the USA, Europe, Central America and in the Caribbean. She is presently pioneering a new project—PeaceIN, which is a cultural exchange project aimed at building international friendships and facilitating peace through community arts projects.

She is a graduate of the University of the Arts and the Unification Theological Seminary and she also has professional experience as a Spiritual Care Coordinator for hospice patients. Carol lives in Nutley, NJ where she is a devoted wife, and mother to four grown sons.



GUSTAVO HECTOR GIULIANO

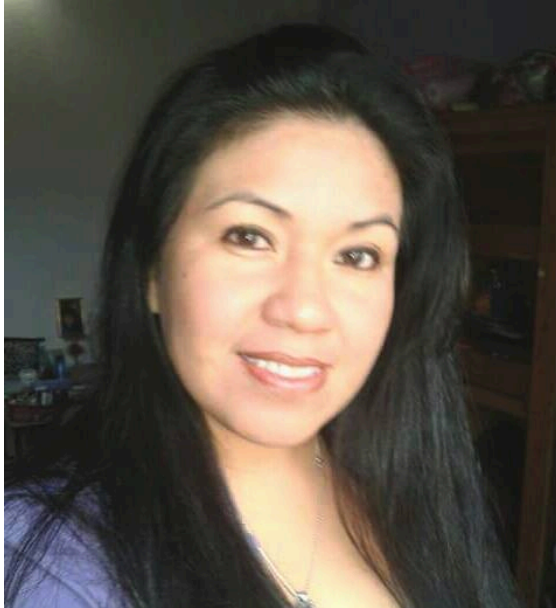
Gustavo Giuliano is from Argentina and has been working in volunteer projects centered on sports for nearly 30 years. He has been teaching character education in numerous schools, governmental institutions, universities, martial arts schools and for many years. He is Professor of Education Science and loves sports, especially martial arts and soccer. He is married to Roswitha Dueck from Paraguay, and they have five children.

Inspired by Dr. Sun Myung Moon's vision to embrace the native population, Gustavo teaches martial arts in schools of the Aborigine communities in the area of Puerto Leda. Currently, Gustavo is working with the Leda Project and the South and North Association for Sustainable Development and World Peace (SNA-SDWP)



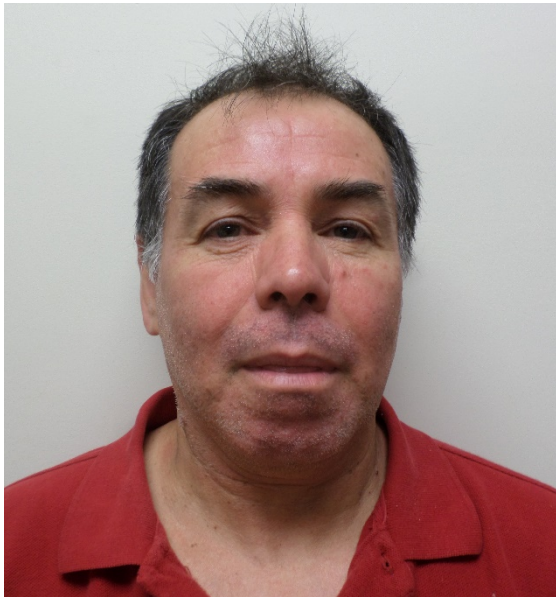
ROSWITHA DUECK DE GIULIANO

Roswitha (Rosi) is from Paraguay and has been involved in volunteer work since 1994. She served as the President of Women's Federation for World Peace (WFWP) in Argentina for over 10 years and now she is responsible for this organization in Paraguay. Through WFWP Rosi has participated in numerous volunteer projects. Rosi loves music, fishing and all activities related to nature since she grew up in Chaco, Paraguay. Currently, Rosi is working as a translator with the Women's Federation for World Peace. She is deeply inspired by the organization founders, Dr. and Mrs. Sun Myung Moon.



REGINA ARGAÑA

Regina was born on February 3, 1987 in Bahía Negra, Alto Paraguay, Chaco Paraguay. She is married to Leandro Fernandes from Brazil. Regina studied at and graduated from the Health Science Faculty of Latin America in Asunción, Paraguay. Regina serves as a nurse in this volunteer project. She is very inspired to support this work because she deeply appreciates Rev. Moon's vision for peace and service and is especially grateful for all the support given in her hometown area.



PEDRO RUBEN MENDOZA

Ruben was born in Paraguay but has lived in the USA for over 25 years. He studied at Paraguay's Naval College and has a love for the sea. While in the United States, he has worked professionally in New York City and has a variety of technical skills. He currently works with the labor union and lives in New Jersey. Over the years, Ruben has offered his support and expertise on a variety of projects and is looking forward to helping in Leda while reconnecting with some of his family as well as generally with the country of his birth.



REV. JOHN W. GEHRING

John W. Gehring from the USA has been working for 28 years organizing international service projects and education programs for young adults in 60 nations. He has been a teacher, an Adjunct Professor at the Unification Theological Seminary and the Co-Chairman of the Interreligious Peace Sports Festival hosted in Korea. He currently is the Vice President of Let's Lead Green-USA and UPF Senior Advisor for the Religious Youth Service. John loves sports, has five children and is married to Yoshiko Goto from Japan. Encouraged by Dr. Sun Myung Moon, he has worked for two decades on projects that build cooperation in the Americas. For John, this project is a dream come true.