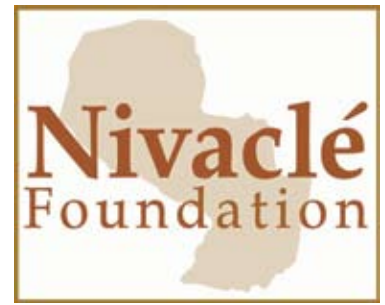


# Childrens' Playgrounds

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**Summary:** This project contemplates construction of two sets of play structures in the villages of Abundancia and Mistolar, Paraguay, where some 100 LDS families and 300 children live.

**Background:** Both villages are very poor and are located distant from “civilization” in the Paraguayan Chaco. Whereas Mennonite towns (located 30 kilometers and 400 kilometers, respectively, from Abundancia and Mistolar) have constructed multiple playgrounds for their children, there is nowhere the LDS Nivacle children can safely play. On the contrary, play occurs in the dirt, dust or mud of the unpaved road which runs through each village. These areas are heavily contaminated by fecal wastes flowing from poorly-constructed and dilapidated outhouses that are the only “bathrooms” available in these communities. Playing in the soil, nearly all of the children have contracted parasites such as hookworm, which have serious complications and create anemia.

The availability of a clean location in which older children can play, and where young mothers can take their toddlers, will help to improve the health of the children and significantly improve the quality of life for parents and their little ones.



**Proposal:** To build two sets of several simple play structures in Fildalefia or Loma Plata (the principal Mennonite towns in the Chaco) including slides, teeter-totters, climbing gyms, etc. and install these adjacent to the humble schools built by the LDS Church in the two target villages.

**Costs:**

Abundancia playground	\$ 1,000
Mistolar playground	\$ 800

**How Can I Help?** Individuals, families or groups can contribute all or a portion of the costs of this important project, which will improve the health and well-being of children and their families. Groups could sponsor a fund-raising project for these very modest playground.

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