



# Paraguay

## Diaspora Muslim Ministry in the Triple Frontier Region

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### By the Numbers

- There are 35,000 Muslims in Ciudad del Este, with numbers growing through immigration and conversion
- Less than 1% are believers
- Ciudad del Este is the largest city within the Triple Frontier region, which borders Foz do Iguacu, Brazil and Puerto Iguazú, Argentina

### Spread of Islam

It is clear that Islam is growing in Latin America and that this growth has been recognized and promoted by Islamic leaders in the Middle East. According to local experts, Muslims have a clear agenda in Central and South America.

Recent reports of five evangelical pastors converting to Islam and becoming Imams, as well as many other Latins converting to Islam, is a growing concern. Islam is also drawing and engaging the younger generation of Paraguayans as seekers attend the Mosque and convert to Islam.

Muslim communities have integrated themselves into national activities, standing out for their hard work, respect, and love for the country that sheltered them. Many of them have grouped together to create Islamic societies, centers, mosques, etc., so that they can worship freely. Currently, in all Latin American countries, there are Muslim concentrations, immigrants, and natives, who adopted Islam as their new faith.

Today, members of the Latin Muslim community participate in Islamic congresses around the world. Some young Latin Muslims study at universities in Arab countries, while others express a desire to have increased knowledge about Islam, even as they maintain their Islamic religion and traditions.

### Location

Ciudad del Este is the second-largest city in Paraguay and is situated on the Paraná River. It is located 327 km from Asunción, the capital, and is adjacent to the border with Brazil, to which it is connected by the Friendship Bridge on the Paraná River.

Important to the spread of the gospel is that this is the largest city within the Triple Frontier region. Ciudad del Este is a commercial city and is one of the largest free trade zones in the world. Its tax-free status attracts many Brazilians and Argentines to the city.

The city has a growing population through immigration and the conversion of Latin Americans to Islam. There are tens of thousands more Muslims located across the bridge into Brazil and to the south in Argentina. Ciudad del Este is a pivotal gateway to establishing and expanding Muslim ministry in south central South America.

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# Working Among Muslims in Ciudad del Este

## Mobilizing a Team

The Triple Frontier region is ripe for the gospel. Several efforts in the region have been successful in reaching Muslims through language/culture classes and sports ministry. We pray that working in an unreached area within the region will see similar fruit. World Team will work with local believers in building relationships with Muslim neighbors, helping the diaspora acclimate to the culture alongside our workers.

We desire to mobilize a strong team of equipped and dedicated workers to humbly collaborate with local churches and workers in relationship building, evangelism, discipling, and equipping believers.

Our hope is to see multiplying churches planted as Muslims come to faith in Christ. As believers are disciplined, they will begin to share the gospel in neighboring Muslim communities. We pray for a church planting movement that produces believers who love one another, expressing godly compassion and kindness to others, equipped to make disciples, and obediently following God as the Spirit works in people's hearts.

## Join a Team

Do you love sharing your faith with others and welcoming people from different backgrounds? Be part of an expansion team forming to reach diaspora communities. Contact us to let us know of your interest: [us.worldteam.org/get-started](http://us.worldteam.org/get-started).



## Ministry Overview

People	Diaspora Muslims
Language	Spanish
Location	Ciudad del Este, Paraguay
Opportunities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Holistic church planting alongside networks of local churches and organizations</li> <li>Evangelism and discipleship</li> <li>Language and culture</li> <li>Sports ministry</li> </ul>
Worker Profile	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ability to work with people from different cultures</li> <li>Innovative, flexible, teachable, courageous</li> <li>Good working knowledge of the Bible</li> <li>Team player</li> <li>Skills in evangelism and discipleship</li> </ul>

*The world of Islam is prime for the gospel. Muslims are turning away from their religion at an astounding rate, and when they do this, they turn to Jesus. God is giving them dreams and visions. What we need are more workers.*

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