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# Norberto Kurrle

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## Key Takeaway

*The Church of God in Paraguay demonstrates that ministry thrives when leadership is shared, believers are empowered to serve, and churches intentionally invest in the spiritual and practical needs of their communities.*

## SUMMARY

Recorded while traveling across Paraguay, Andrew Gale talks with missionary and ministry leader Norberto Kurrle about life, culture, and ministry in Paraguay. Norberto shares his unique multicultural upbringing across Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay, Germany, and the United States, and explains how those experiences shaped his calling. The conversation explores Paraguay's diverse cultural identity, the growth of the Church of God, the challenges and opportunities of bivocational ministry, and innovative models of church planting and community outreach that are transforming communities throughout the country.

*Scripture passage: Matthew 28:19-20*

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. *Listen: 0:03-6:23.* How does culture shape our identity? What aspects of your culture, upbringing, or family background have influenced your faith journey?
2. *Listen: 6:23-17:30.* What unique opportunities and challenges arise when serving in a multicultural environment? How have you seen culture affect relationships within the church or community?
3. Listen: *30:00 - 36:07.* How can ministries adapt as the needs of a community change? How can churches discern when it is time to change or evolve a ministry rather than continue doing things the way they've always been done?
4. Norberto discusses Monica, the school director who lives in Itapaso and has become deeply embedded in the lives of the families she serves. What are the strengths of living among and doing life with the people you are serving rather than simply providing services?
5. How can churches become more effective at listening to and learning from believers in other countries and cultures?

## REFLECTION QUESTION

Norberto described a church where everyone has a role to play. What gift, ability, or ministry opportunity has God given you that could be used to strengthen your church or community? What is one step you can take this month to become more actively engaged in serving others?