

Feisa

Training teachers,
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Formación en Educación Inicial San Andrés



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Dear friends of FEISA,

Academic activities

As an institution, we were privileged to be invited to take part in the celebration of a National Games Day called "We are playing!" The idea was the initiative the National Secretariat of Childhood & Adolescence, who want to motivate children to play and their parents to recognize the importance of play in their children's development. Only three institutions were selected at a national level & FEISA was one of them. Using the resources we have in our Toy Library, our Second Year students led different games in "play corners" set up in a shopping mall in the city of San Lorenzo. As the activity was so successful, another shopping mall, Shopping del Sol, wanted to make the same provision the following week and asked FEISA to take charge of the games. We were also able to use the opportunity to promote our courses.

The Degree Course students carried out their university extension social work in children's soup kitchens, in children's homes, in homes to protect girls and adolescents at risk, and in other needy areas. In these places, they helped children with their studies, they gave cookery and personal hygiene classes, and they played games and taught songs. They also held workshops for teachers.

The Second Year students have completed their second term classes and at the moment they are working on their Teaching Practice lesson plans for classes with children younger than 3 years of age.

Accreditation

At the moment we are completing the first stage of the accreditation process, which consists of an internal evaluation of the institution carried out by two of FEISA's staff. For this stage, they have been collating data about present and past students, teaching staff, administrative staff, and different aspects of our institutional life. They have also been presenting documentation of lesson plans, curriculum, educational projects etc. The next

stage will start in August with an external evaluation to verify all the data that has been presented.

The Toy Library

In the following table, you can see our calendar of Toy Library events for May and June.

DATE	TIME	PLACE	NUMBER OF CHILDREN	BIBLICAL THEME/STRATEGY
May 16	AM	REMANSITO		The Pastor suspended the activity
May 23	AM	ST ANDREWS CATHEDRAL	16	The Wordless Book, the colour red
May 23	PM	SHOPPING SAN LORENZO	160	National Games Day
May 30	PM	SHOPPING DEL SOL	58	Games Day
June 6	AM	REMANSITO		Suspended for lack of a vehicle

Unfortunately as you can see, two events had to be unavoidably suspended in Remansito.

Challenges

Thank you so much for a donation of £69 which has been sent to Delia Colman who was FEISA's cleaner from the time the institution started until 2014. You may remember that she was diagnosed with breast cancer last year and she had to have a mastectomy. Although she is making good progress, she's not been able to return to work. In order to cover the costs of her follow-up treatment, she's had to sell the parcel of land and a few cows that she owned. This is why we are asking you to pray for her, and if God should put it on your heart to make a donation for her, we shall be very happy to make sure she receives it.

We're now nearing the date for the birth of Agustina, Silvia Maidana's baby girl, and therefore all the staff recently gave her a baby shower. Silvia, our IT teacher and Communications Secretary, is the daughter of Anglican Pastor Agustin and Teresa Maidana. She will start her maternity leave in July, and her sister Ruth Maidana, who's also on maternity leave at the moment, will return to work as Academic Secretary in July. Deisy, who's been replacing Rut, will therefore continue to work with us, replacing Silvia.



Changes

As you know, last year while I was in the States, I received the offer to teach in the Spanish Programme of the Christian School where my eldest daughter is teaching, in Iowa. This would mean the opportunity to work in the same, very good school where my children would be studying and where I would be free in the evenings to be with them. It would also be an opportunity to learn more about education in a first world setting, with the possibility of applying any new insights I might gain to Paraguayan education in the future.

It hasn't been at all easy for me to consider leaving my extended family, my country and all that is familiar to me, or to leave my work in FEISA. There have also been many practical obstacles to overcome, not least 2 very stiff English examinations. As a family, though, God has guided us clearly to this step through some words of Isaiah 43: 19

"See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up: you will see it.

I am making a way in the desert and streams in the wasteland."

I've therefore asked for a year's leave of absence from FEISA, with the option of staying longer in the States if the conditions are right. My last day in the institution will be on July 9th, during the Paraguayan 2 week winter holiday break. I would very much value your prayers that I may be able to complete all necessary work in FEISA before that date so that there may be a smooth transition for Lourdes Calderini, who will be taking over from me. I plan to continue to offer Lourdes support by regular Skype consultation. On a personal level, could you pray too for all the practical things involved in moving a family to a completely different country, climate and culture! We plan to travel towards the end of July to be ready to start the new academic year there in the autumn. As I said before, every change is accompanied by uncertainty but I also know that my family and FEISA are in good hands – the hands of God Himself.

Thank you so much again for all your prayers and support for FEISA and for me over many years & especially for the warmth, generosity & loving hospitality shown to me last January.

Ana

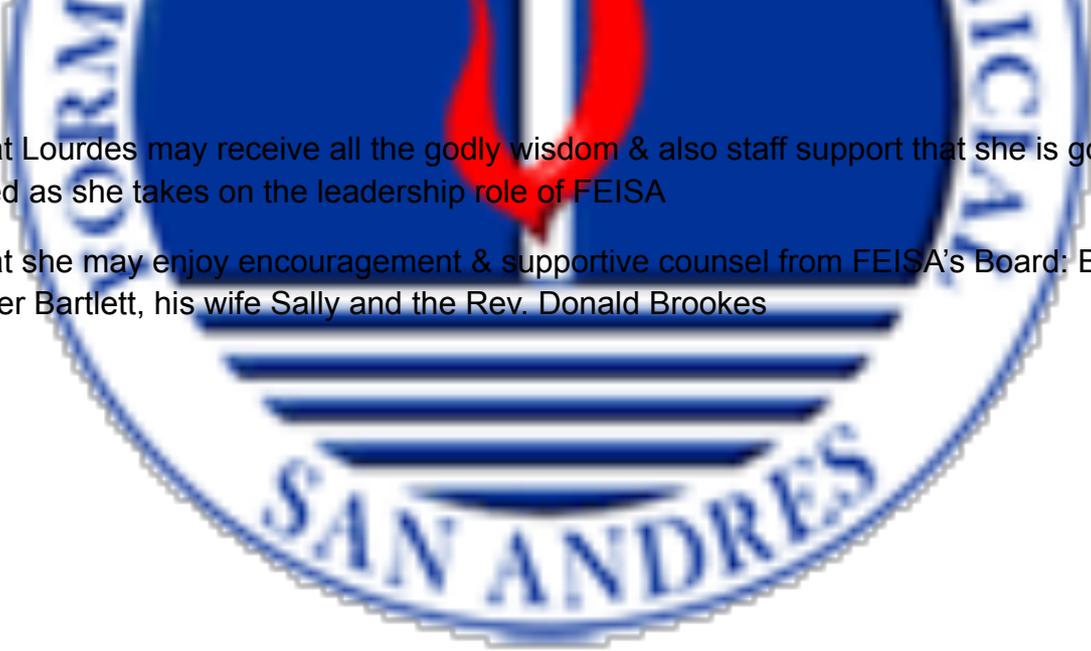


REASONS FOR PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

- ◆ For the privilege of being chosen to participate in the National Games Day
- ◆ For the invitation to repeat the Games Day in the popular Shopping del Sol
- ◆ For being able to bless many needy people through the University Social Extension Programme
- ◆ For excellent progress with the internal accreditation documentation
- ◆ For Deisy being able to replace both Rut & Silvia Maidana
- ◆ For Ana's exceptional contribution to the development of FEISA during almost 15 years

PRAYER REQUESTS

- ◆ For Second Year students planning Teaching Practices with children younger than 3 years That the children of Remansito may finally be able to enjoy the Toy Library
- ◆ That the second stage of the accreditation process may be completed successfully
- ◆ That Delia may receive sufficient support to cover all her necessary post-op treatment
- ◆ That Silvia's baby girl may be safely delivered
- ◆ That Ana may be kept in God's peace as she completes her work in FEISA and prepares her family for the move to the States



- ◆ That Lourdes may receive all the godly wisdom & also staff support that she is going to need as she takes on the leadership role of FEISA
- ◆ That she may enjoy encouragement & supportive counsel from FEISA's Board: Bishop Peter Bartlett, his wife Sally and the Rev. Donald Brookes

NATIONAL GAMES DAY





DEGREE STUDENTS INVOLVED IN UNIVERSITY SOCIAL EXTENSION PROGRAMME





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