

Feisa

Training teachers,
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Formación en Educación Inicial San Andrés



October 2016

Dear friends of FEISA,

I want to greet you with the peace of the Lord Jesus & to share with you our activities during these past few weeks.

Academic Activities

We have completed the present cycle of in-service, extramural training sessions in Inclusive Education. We've been truly blessed with excellent professionals leading each course. Even though we haven't had as many participants as we hoped for, it's been a good encouragement to think of running this kind of workshop more often, and it's been a way of making FEISA better known to more people. In fact, the students who did participate were very pleased and felt enriched with the new knowledge they had gained. Praise the Lord!

In September, we celebrated Youth Day and treated the students to ice cream. We also gave each one a card with a Scripture verse personally chosen to bless them.

At the moment, the Third Year students are working on their monographs which they will be defending at the end of the month.

Teaching Practices

The Third Year students have completed their practices in State Schools, without any problems, and as usually happens, most of them have returned very moved by experiencing such a different, needy educational reality.

The Second Year students have been working hard on lesson preparation for their practices in some of the many private schools in the Asuncion area. They've been very busy in our IT room and we are very grateful to the Lord for our computers which are so very useful for all our students!



Staff

Lourdes Calderini (Director)

First of all, I want to say how very grateful I am to God for the fact that we have your spiritual support, and that you continually pray for us, even though you don't know us.

With the Lord's help, we are continuing to work on our Degree course, bringing it up to date in certain aspects.

After much insistence, we have finally regained our status and title as an independent Early Years Education Faculty of the Evangelical University of Paraguay. (For some years we had been included as one department more under the umbrella of the Mennonite Faculty of Education.) Praise God: this independence gives more weight to what we offer as an institution.

We continue to pray with much expectation for the projected new Anglican Centre building, which we shall be sharing with the diocesan administration and St. Andrew's College.

Blessings to you all in the name of the Lord!



Ruth Maidana (Academic Secretary)

Praise God, I have finished my Psychology thesis and my viva to defend it is on Monday, November 21st. I'd be very grateful for your prayers at such an important time for me.

At the moment, I'm organising the lists of complementary final exams, almost finishing the end of year documentation & beginning to organise the academic programme for next year.



Eliana Toranzo (Assistant Secretary)

I am working very closely with Lourdes, helping to bring our degree curriculum up to date. We plan to hand it over to the Ministry of Education before the end of this month. We would value your prayers that it may be approved. I myself am learning a great deal in the process!



Silvia Maidana (IT and Publicity)

Praise God, all my family & I are doing very well! Thank you for your prayers. We always remember you, too, in our prayers!

At the moment, I'm working with the Second Year Students on their lesson plans. For me, it's a pleasure to help them in the actual layout of their plans. We've finished the first week of preparation & we're now into the second and last one before they start their practices. I praise God for their lives and for the work they are doing.

I am also beginning to produce publicity to attract new students for the academic year starting next February. This includes preparing folders of information, posters for strategic places and promotion on various social net works. Our hope is for a good response for next year so that we may continue to grow & expand! I'm very grateful that you hold me in your prayers, trusting that you yourselves will be rewarded by the Lord for all you are doing for us. May each one of you be very blessed from here in Paraguay!

Patricia Chavez (Librarian)

The students returned from our week's break in September, full of enthusiasm for the reading project they had been given to do during that time. Each student had to read one of two educational books produced by the Paraguayan Christian writer, Nelson Aguilera; "The Pedagogy of Fear" or "The Pedagogy of Love". I'm very pleased to see the results of their studies on the books and also that we have such good resources for the students to use in our library. Praise God for the love, support and strength He's given to each one of us during these past months, and for your prayers which are fundamental to the whole working of FEISA. Many blessings!

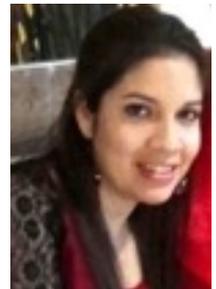
Lorenzo (Maintenance)

Hello, my dear brothers & sisters! We are continuing with God's help and strength to work hard in the maintenance & cleaning of FEISA. In fact, I am due to retire at the end of this year after many years of working both in St. Andrew's College & FEISA. Thank you so much for your prayer support for all of us. May the Lord truly bless you!

Delia (Caretaker and cleaner)

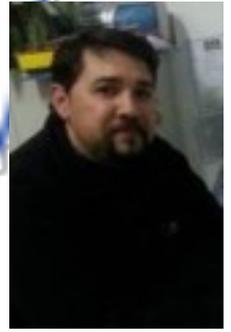
I'm continuing with my medical treatment and daily pills, working in the cleaning of FEISA, It's my desire to really serve the institution and above all to serve our God. I feel strong & I continue to thank you for your prayers. Many blessings!

Tadeo (Receptionist and Driver)



I continue to work very happily for FEISA and I've recovered well from my serious road accident 2 years ago. Thank you for your prayers for my family. May you be truly blessed yourselves!

We continue to work and pray for my sister-in-law, Rossana, after her terrible accident. She is recovering quite well & she really is a walking miracle. However, her short term memory has been affected. Looking back, she can only remember up to 3 or 4 years ago – very little since - & she can't remember what she's been doing from one day to the next. Her condition is a challenge for all the family, although she has the unconditional support of each one of us. We are praying much for her full recovery & for strength for my wife Ruth. Thank you for your prayers: truly through them, we can see the power of prayer!



David Benitez (Administrator and Accountant)

I thank God for His love and mercy to us & that FEISA continues to grow and train professional teachers.

Sadly, my father, Juan Ramon Benitez, wasn't able to recover from his illness & he went to be with the Lord on September 4th. We continue to mourn his sad loss but our hope & trust is that he is in a better place.

I'm grateful to God for my family and that our baby son, Isaac, is making good progress & growing healthily.



REASONS FOR PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

- For the successful completion of the in-service extramural classes
- For the successful completion of the Third Year Students' teaching practices
- For re-gaining our status as an independent faculty of the Evangelical University
- That Ruth has been able to complete her thesis
- For well-used, good resources both in the library and the IT room
- For Lorenzo's faithful, exemplary work in both FEISA & St.Andrew's College
- For dear Delia's health & strength
- For the improvement in movement of baby Isaac

PRAYER REQUESTS

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- That our updated Degree Programme may be officially approved this month
 - For the upcoming teaching practices for the Second Year students
 - For Ruth's *viva* on Monday November 21st
 - For a good response to Silvia's publicity for 2017
 - For the full recovery of Rossana
 - For peace and comfort for David's family

"Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, whose confidence is in Him. He will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream. It does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green. It has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit." Jeremiah 17:7,8

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