



## August 2012

Dear Friends.

We are now back in Paraguay after our trip back last Sunday. We arrived Monday morning to similar weather to Britain except that this is winter! Tuesday morning was back to school and we are still catching up with everything. The house is the same; we are still sorting things out here too!

We left here before the holidays began. When we arrived at the airport for our flight from Paraguay we noticed one of the pilots looking at us. He turned out to be one of our ex pupils who we had taught when he was in the infants and primary! He flew us to Brazil. On the way back into Paraguay he was there in the airport again waiting to fly out!



We went to Hemel Hempstead to renew Gwen's contact there as it had been a while since our last visit. We had a lovely time there and were made to feel very welcome. A few days later we flew to Ireland to be met in Belfast by the SAMS office secretary who just happens to have taught with us in Paraguay. We had a lovely time with her and her husband who also works for SAMS. They really took care of us and drove us to Sligo and back for the conference. We really appreciated the talks by Bishop Ken Clarke (soon to be the new boss of SAMS Ireland/UK) . We also enjoyed the scenery and catching up with old friends.



Paris



**Hemel Hempstead** 





Bishop Ken Clarke and Claire who has returned to Paraguay

We went to England via Paris and so stopped off there for 2 days and enjoyed seeing the sights again. The sun shone there and we actually got tanned! We arrived in England on July 1st and managed to pack quite a lot into the next four weeks.





We were back just in time for our joint meeting at Gwen's church. It was lovely to see a number of people from the various churches there as well as many old friends. Thank you to everyone who came. The next day we both went to Mags' link church in Hartford, Cheshire to thank them for their kind gift to build the extra room at the annexe school. It was great to visit our home churches too and to share with them what the Lord is doing here in school.