



It was great to be in England when the Olympic Games started and we both enjoyed the opening ceremony. The Paraguayan flag bearer had been in school only a few weeks before along with two other competitors. But it was great to see one of our ex pupils there with the Paraguayan team. She is on the Paraguayan Olympic committee and used to be a professional tennis player. Her children are also in school. Everyone here was talking about the ceremony and how much they'd enjoyed it.

We spent quite a lot of time with our families and visited a number of places. Gwen went to North Wales and the peak district on two of the days that the sun came out. Mags went to Chester zoo and the Lake district although she hit rain there. Both of us went to Liverpool in the pouring rain and, of course, we visited shops galore!



Things we enjoyed in England:-

The beautiful gardens with so much colour. They were amazing.

The trees so leafy (and not bare like we usually see them in winter)

The calmness of the traffic and the thoughtfulness of the drivers.

The chatty shop assistants.

Shopping, as clothes as so much cheaper than in Paraguay, especially in the sales.

Sharing with our churches what the Lord is doing here in Paraguay



The nieces and nephews



The children in school were also pleased to see us. One little boy in Gwen's class was over the moon to see her and had been asking for her. He shouted out, "Miss Carlisle is here. Great, now we can use the Smart board"! She felt very welcomed! Mags arrived back on her birthday and the older pupils had a cake for her. We've since both celebrated belated birthdays in school. So, it's back into early starts once more but it's good to be back.



It was lovely to be back here and settle back into our home and school again.

We went to pick the dogs up from the vet's on the day we arrived back. They didn't know we were here so it was

lovely to watch their reactions as they saw us... they were very excited!

The cats took a day or so to acknowledge us but were all round us by yesterday!

We're very thankful for our time in England ...and for at least one sunny week! Thankyou to everyone for all your support and prayers and for all your welcomes.

God Bless, Lots of love,
Gwen and Mags

