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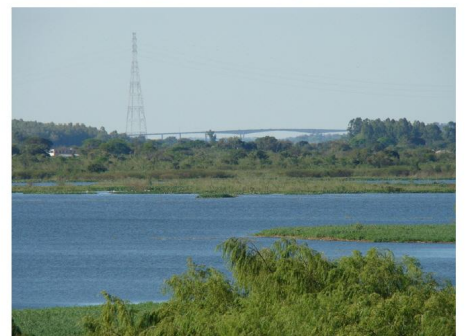
# PARAGUAY NEWS

## GREETINGS FROM A VERY WET ASUNCIÓN!!

Dear Friends,

We've had lots of rain over the last few days after a couple of weeks of dry weather. Even so, this rain added to the heavy rain of a few weeks ago, means that there is still flooding in the Chaco and in parts of the Chacarita. The government has been busy sending aid to the Indian communities and this has been a great help. It seems that our pupils in the annexe school are unaffected by the water as yet but more seems to be coming down river from Bolivia. Please pray that these areas will have just enough rain for their needs.

May is always a busy month as we have our May 1st holiday and Independence day with Mother's day on May 15th. Both these days fell on Tuesdays and so the government gave the Monday as a national holiday too! No-one was complaining but we realize how much time we have lost in school over the past two months and now everyone is working extra hard to try and catch up.



## MOTHER'S DAY

This year, to celebrate Mother's day, we invited all the mums into the different areas of school for breakfast and to receive their gifts. It's been a long while since secondary mums were invited and we didn't know how many would turn up. The school was packed with mums in all areas and they all seemed very happy to stay. Breakfast started at 7.30 am and by 10 am some had to be asked to go so the kids could have classes. It all went really well and reflects a good atmosphere that we are enjoying in the school. Now the dads are asking what we are going to do for them later this month!



Pastor Ronnie

There has been a real spiritual openness in parents recently and the school chaplain, Ronnie, has been involved in helping some in very difficult family situations. We are seeing some come to the Lord and wanting to tell others about what it means to have Jesus in your life in a difficult situation. Of course it's not all victory and we have some difficult situations to face too. The blessings always seem to be accompanied by the battles. Praise the Lord that we know the victory is His.



Making biscuits





## INFANTS VISIT HISTORICAL SITES

## MUMS' TEA PARTY

This last month nearly all primary and secondary pupils have had exams which makes for a difficult month. Now we have the joy of writing all the reports and presenting them to the parents later on this month. The lower secondary have also been to the sports festival in Brazil. Mags, with other PE teachers, took a group of 38 7th, 8th and 9th grade pupils to play against some Brazilian schools. They had a wonderful time and the other schools said that our kids made a difference. When someone asked one of our teachers what we did to make them so good he said "We pray with them!!" They had no answer to that!!



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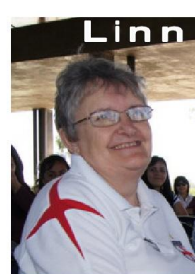
Gwen is now busy preparing her play with songs for the parents at the end of June. They're getting there slowly!

June looks like being a very busy month as we have so much to pack in and prepare before we go to England. We have a few farewells planned for the Hickmotts and Linn. Linn is retiring at the end of the year and so going back to do deputation now. She's been in school for 15 years and it will be a wrench for her to go. In the July holidays the Hickmotts leave us after their year here. We wondered how we would replace Matthew as he had been doing all the lower secondary science teaching in English and we had no one else in mind. That is until the new family came with Rebekah to teach English and computing in school. It turns out her husband, Luis, had taught science in the USA. We asked the supervisor for permission to employ him as he doesn't have the necessary documents and she approved it! We really feel it was a gift from God. We will also be taking the church service on the 24th, the last one before we travel!

## CAREERS' DAY



An ex-pupil Cristian has been accepted by Stanford University. He came to talk to the pupils on Careers' Day



## COMMUNITY SERVICE IN DIFFERENT HOMES

As you know, we will be in England ( and Ireland) for most of July. We will try to visit some of our churches but know we can't make it to all of them. Gwen's church has offered to put on another afternoon event where both of us will be speaking and showing pictures for anyone who would like to come and see us. This will take place on July 14th in the afternoon at St Mary's church, Haughton Green , Denton Manchester. For those who want more information please call Mrs Kate Dowland 0161 336 4529.

On the home front, we are both well. We had another scare last week when Munchie, our 7yr old spaniel had to have a lump on her neck removed. So far it looks benign but the full results aren't in yet. That was all happening as Mags was going off to Brazil. It seems that whenever Mags goes away, Munchie is ill!



God Bless,  
Love,  
Gwen  
&  
Mags

Thankyou to everyone for all your prayers and support. They mean so much to us both.