



United service and fellowship day in Surubii 30th August 2015 Photos courtesy Luis Echeverría

Thank you for praying for the Anglican Church in Paraguay with the many challenges and changes that are happening. Mission and church are about people so this next cycle of prayer will be focusing on prayers for specific people.

Bishop Peter: grateful for the pastoral team which organised the recent united service and the follow up evaluations and the lessons learnt. Pray for wisdom and grace as he encourages the pastors to become more professional in their ministries.

School of Ministry *A spiritual gift is given to each of us so we can help each other. 1 Cor 12:7*

12 local leaders successfully completed their studies, and are serving in their local communities.

Regina Echeverría: thankful for the opening of the Saturday Children's lunch club, the donation of food items and help from neighbours. Pray for Regina as she balances work and family responsibilities – they have Regina's mother and their youngest son and his family staying temporarily.



School of Ministry

Dina Fretes: thankful that the Lord is equipping her, giving her wisdom and discernment in her work as head of St Andrews School cleaning team. Pray for her in her responsibilities in the Zeballos Cue church as she leads services. For strength and joy in her home responsibilities as a wife and mother.

Victor Gonzalez: give thanks for Victor's hard work in pastoral visiting in the Chaco and for the repairs he has made to Tim Curtis' home in Rio Verde. Pray for Victor as he leads the St Matthews Church and helps new families to become part of the faith community.

Gloria Maldonado: thankful for the growth of her relationship with the Lord and for opportunities to share the Lord with parents and children at the Pepe Preschool in Zeballos Cue. Pray for Gloria to continue to grow in her relationship with the Lord.

Katty Agüero: give thanks for Katty's testimony of generosity and kindness and good relationship with Martha her helper in the children's home. Pray for her in her role as house mother in the Esperanza Foster Home and for the children in her care, currently three little girls.



St John's Children's Day

Rebecca & Gustavo Flores: grateful for the successful children's day event which they organised in St Johns Church. Pray for them as they await the birth of their first baby, a daughter, later this month.

Salomón & Magdalena González: grateful for Magdalena's successful gall bladder operation and for the birth of their first grandchild. Pray for them as they lead in the King of Kings Church, as it reaches out to needy families in the area.

Sadrac Garcia: give thanks for Sadrac's participation in the inter-church worship team which led worship at the recent United Service and Fellowship Day at Surubí. Pray for him as he develops as a leader in Mirador and St John's.

Juanca & Marlene Ferreira: give thanks for Juanca and Marlene's enthusiasm and commitment to helping struggling marriages. Pray for them as they use their gifts in the Christ the Saviour Church in Villa Guarani.

Working in the Chaco In the face of animistic belief systems and the visits of religious sects there is much work to be done in the Chaco. *So we tell others about Christ, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all the wisdom God has given us. We want to present them to God, perfect in their relationship to Christ.* Colossians 1:28

Gilberto Cabañas: thankful that his wife Melania is now at peace in the Lord's presence. Pray for Gilberto as he carries on with his role of pastoral worker and their children as they adjust to life without Melania, especially for son Nelson who accompanied his mother in the hospital that the Lord will bring to fruition in His perfect timing Nelson's heart desire to be a preacher.

Beryl Baker: gives thanks for answered prayer for Raquel Fernandez, who is recovering after the removal of a brain tumour. Pray for Beryl as she works with different health workers in the Chaco for good relationships and for the government to provide more health resources in the Chaco.

Chris Hawksbee: says with much joy that the brethren, he and Pastor Agustín have ministered to in the communities of Maklawaya, El Estribo and La Patria have "woken up" as they put it. He asks us to pray for the church councils in the Chaco as they consider possible candidates for ordination as deacons and presbyters. Pray for Chris as he accompanies the communities in this process.

Tim Curtis: grateful for the donations being received for the printing of the Enxet Bible. The Old Testament is completed and the New Testament has been completely revised. Please pray Tim as he works on various liturgy projects and accompanies others in the Chaco on pastoral and teaching visits.

Agustín Maidana: Grateful for the birth of granddaughter Agustina. Pray for Agustín as he concentrates on teaching the church leaders and council members, plus youth, the basics of our faith as believers in Jesus Christ.



Teresa in La Herencia with soft toys made by the Cathedral sewing group

City Pastors and Leaders *Live wisely among those who are not believers, and make the most of every opportunity.* Colossians 4:5 Challenges include growing in professionalism, finding time for private study and for balancing family life and ministry.

Cefe & Ana: enjoying their retirement, they give thanks for good health. Pray for the evangelism training that Cefe is leading in the church in Luque.

Luis: gives thanks for the Lord's encouragement and for the birth of a new grandson. Pray for Luis as he continues his studies for his masters in family counselling.

Lucho & Estela: thankful for progress on the construction of their house. Pray for Lucho as he works with different teams of leaders, that he will grow in grace and wisdom.

Ronald & Nicky: thankful for a recent visit to Santa Cruz, Bolivia for a family wedding. Pray for them as they develop the ministry and life of the Cathedral and Christ the Saviour Church. Also for Nicky teaching English and Ron working as part time school chaplain

Education *Direct your children onto the right path, and when they are older, they will not leave it.* Prov 22:6 The challenges involved in leadership in educational institutions are great. Thank you for supporting our leaders in prayer.

Gwen Carlisle: thankful the Lord's discernment and help as she leads St Andrews School. Please pray for her as she deals with staff and pupils' needs and issues.

Lourdes Calderini: thankful for the Lord's vision and plans for the future of FEISA, Saint Andrews Early Years' Teacher Training Faculty and for the 32 first years students and the girls who are wanting to prepare their degree thesis. Pray for meetings with the rector of the Evangelical University about the future development of FEISA, may Lourdes be granted favour.

Catalino Bogado: grateful for the successful parenting classes which have attracted large numbers of dads and mums. Pray for Catalino as the school year draws to a close for good health, wisdom and strength in all of his responsibilities.

Mags Southern: grateful for the recent interschool games days which have gone really well. Pray for Mags in her duties as Diocesan treasurer.



Youth meeting St Paul's

Concepción Saint Paul's church has enjoyed visits from many people over the last couple of months, and gives thanks for all that they were able to achieve with the teams both in terms of practical work and in the ministry of the church. *Be on guard. Stand firm in the faith.* 1 Cor 16:13

Claire Holmes praise the Lord for the new vehicle, thank God and pray for different people, especially youth who are returning to church after not having come for a while, that they will really commit and persevere.

Ricardo & Cristina Ramirez: thankful that they have now rented out their house. Pray for them and their children as they settle into the pastoral house at St Paul's and develop pastoral work in the church.

Chaco Pastors & Deacons *Be sure to carry out the ministry the Lord gave you.* Col 4:17

The different communities continue to give thanks for the family benefits that are now being received by those with children. Pray for the churches facing many challenges: unwanted visits from sects; the challenge of giving so that they can support pastors, as the Diocese is no longer paying pastors. This means that there are now opportunities to ordain more deacons and pastors. Please pray for wisdom in discerning who might be called to these ministries.

Robert & Cristina: grateful for their family. Pray for Robert as he leads his church in La Patria that the Gospel will reach unreached families.

Niño Pepe & Feliciana: give thanks for good health. Pray for the development of younger leaders.

Agripino & Nilda: thankful for the faithfulness of church members and their witness in the community. Pray for Agripino's teaching ministry that it will bear much spiritual fruit.

Romualdo & Yrna: thankful for work opportunities and their beehives good production of honey. Pray for spiritual fruit from Romualdo's Bibles studies.

Juan & Alicia: give thanks for the Bible studies that have been taking place in different communities. Pray for wisdom to respond appropriately following suicides and attempted suicides in Maklawaya.

Mario & Rosa: give thanks for the church in Dos Palmas. Praying for good relations with community leaders.

Mario & Agustina: grateful for his pension. Praying for wisdom and strength in the face of challenges in the local community.

Projects *Work willingly at whatever you do, as though you were working for the Lord rather than people.*
Col 3:23

Miriam Greco: give thanks for improvements in the Cathedral grounds. Pray for Miriam's varied responsibilities as Diocesan Administrator especially for planned training for pastors and treasurers in the area of finances.

David Orritt: give thanks for the successful Mision Paraguay team and all the projects they were involved with. Pray for the ongoing projects here in Paraguay, especially asking for the Lord's leading about the possible expansion of the Pepe preschool in Zeballos Cue.



Mission Paraguay at work

Denise McKenzie: praise the Lord for Denise's arrival in Asuncion from England. Pray that she will settle quickly and enjoy her year at St Andrews College helping children prepare for important English exams.

Team Maxwell Training *Don't copy the behaviour and customs of this world, but let God transform you into new person by changing the way you think.* Romans 12:1

Many church leaders in Asuncion, including Anglicans, took part in recent meetings with John Maxwell for the launching of 'Paraguay: The change is in me', which aims to train 700,000 people in Feb Mar 2015. A group of leaders from St Andrews School took part in a training course earlier this year and 6 leaders from Asuncion have just completed the 'Master Minds' course. Give thanks for the participation of each one of these church leaders and pray that they will continue to develop their leadership skills.

Alison: thank the Lord for Alison's preaching and leading service ministry in the Chapel. Pray for her at work as a science teacher at St Andrews College, as she shines as a witness to both pupils and staff.

Guille: thankful for Guille's leadership of the recently formed inter-church worship band and volunteering at the Esperanza Children's home. Pray for Guille and Eliana as they prepare to get married and set up home at the end of the year.



Teresa: thankful for the Lord's faithfulness in helping her and Agustin with all the practical arrangements for the improvements to their home in Aregua. Pray for wisdom in balancing family, work and ministry commitments.

Sally: give thanks for new members at St Andrews Chapel. Pray for wisdom and creativity in her responsibilities as Chapel coordinator and member of the FEISA and Esperanza boards.

Guille helping at Esperanza

Lucho: grateful for the Lord helping him to establishing priorities. Pray for him and the many demands on him as he leads and coordinates the St John's, King of kings and Mirador churches.

Donald: give thanks for the new baby that he and Caroline are expecting. Pray for him for perseverance in his responsibilities in the office, in the Anglican schools, on the board of FEISA and as minister in charge of the church in Luque.

*Always be joyful. Never stop praying. Be thankful in all circumstances,
for this is God's will for you who belong to Christ Jesus. 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18*

Thank you for praying for key members of the church in Paraguay

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