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**"When the heavens are shut up and there is no rain..**  
when they pray ... and confess ...and turn from their sin ...then hear from heaven and forgive the sin of your servants... Teach them the right way to live, and send rain on the land ..." 1Kings 8:35, 36.



Linguist Tim Curtis is thinking that he may have to send the Bible translators and their families back home if it doesn't rain. It is not only Río Verde but almost all Indian communities are depending on tanker lorries to bring them water. The supply won't last for ever. It comes from local earth rain water cisterns (like artificial ponds) usually within a couple of miles from the communities. Fibreglass water cisterns (see photo) have been installed in many communities but without rain ...

We are planning our next Bible School in Río Verde for the second week in June with teaching on the Spirit World. But without rain ...

This problem isn't limited to the Chaco nor just to Paraguay, Argentina and Uruguay are also suffering.

Praise the Lord for the Easter programme. The team put on five 'shows' during the three day trip to the Chaco. In two of the place people gather from three or more communities to see them. Generally speaking the children responded well. Donations from the young people in Asunción were also distributed to the needy and Neill made a video so they could see how the donations were used it was shown the next week-end in church. This has stimulated interest for a future trip, possibly in July. Marie is now working with two teams one to put on the programmes and another to produce materials.



Pastors Juan and Romualdo studying the Matthew course.

Praise the Lord that **Neill** is now busy with translation work and this Sunday will be baptised. **Javier** will shortly be starting his long vacations. He has run out of money but hopes to get a job so that he can buy a ticket to Spain where he wants to work for a while. We think that **Derek** is busy with his studies and are unsure of what will happen after he finishes A levels.

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