

MISSION PARAGUAY 2008



Project for July

One Group

Fly out: Friday, 11th July

Return: Saturday, 2nd August



This will be the third year of what is likely to be a four year project to develop a retreat centre at Emboscada, north-east of the capital Asunción. This development will be used by the congregations from the Asunción area, schools and other institutions associated with the Anglican Church. During the last two years site clearance took place to provide football and volley ball pitches and the main building was completed with a large meeting area, kitchen, caretaker accommodation, toilets and showers installed. This year we plan to paint the completed building and erect dormitory facilities for those using the Centre. This group will also assist to develop the children's facilities at San Lorenzo on the eastern edge of Asunción. Accommodation will be in the church buildings at Luque and travel to Emboscada and San Lorenzo will be by bus.

Projects for August

Two Groups

Fly out: Friday, 1st August

Return: Saturday, 23rd August

1. Concepción – One Group



In 2008 we plan to undertake work on a number of projects in the Concepción area including:

- the first phase of the erection of a small church at Yvapovo where the congregation meets in the open air;
- re-decoration and repair work at the main church buildings in the centre of Concepción.

For volunteers working at Concepción accommodation will be in the church buildings.

2. The Chaco – One Group

A variety of projects are planned which include:

- a range of work to improve the collection and storage of rainwater in an area with no piped supply and suffering from severe drought at certain times during the year;
- improvements to the church buildings at Dos Palmos and Alegre;
- the first phase of a new church building at Rio Verde.



These buildings are very important for the development of the communities and will serve many purposes in addition to being a church. Work will also be undertaken to provide further facilities for the collection of honey. Bee-keeping is being developed among the people of the Chaco to provide a basic income.

Accommodation in the Chaco will be very basic. The area is prone to droughts, has limited electrical supplies and no drainage systems or piped water supply.



Paraguayan builders are employed to undertake the majority of the work on all the projects and volunteers will be assisting as appropriate to their skills and experience. At each venue there will be many opportunities to undertake work with children and young people and to see the work of the Anglican Church in the different regions of Paraguay and to meet families in the local communities.



In all the areas where we will be working, the local housing is of a very poor standard and, as in past years, a range of home improvements will be funded. All volunteers will have the opportunity to assist with this work which in the past has proved a special blessing to all those involved.

Project funding also supports the mobile toy library operated by St. Andrew's Teacher Training College (FEISA) which, on a rotation basis, travels to different communities in Asunción to provide opportunities for learning through play for children from areas of severe deprivation. As in past years, the July Group will be able to assist with these events.

All of the funding for the above projects is raised through donations from the churches taking part; from other supporting churches; from various voluntary organisations and through personal donations.

All the projects are organized through the Anglican Church in Paraguay and in association with the South American Mission Society (SAMS) GB and SAMS Ireland.

In 2007, 41 volunteers from the following churches took part in the projects:

St. John the Baptist, Burscough, Lancashire.
St. Paul's, Skelmersdale, Lancashire
Holy Trinity, Llandrindod Wells, Powys, Wales
Trinity, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire
Christ Church, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire
Emmanuel Church, Wimbledon, Surrey
St. John's Church of Ireland, Dromara, County Down, Northern Ireland
St. Patrick's Church, Bunbeg, County Donegal, Republic of Ireland
Annagh Parish Church, Belturbet, Co Cavan, Republic of Ireland
Wrenthorpe Mission, Wakefield, West Yorkshire
St. Anne's, Wrenthorpe, Wakefield, West Yorkshire
St. Peter's Church, Oundle, Peterborough
Grace Reformed Episcopal Church, Scranton, Pennsylvania, USA



Cost: £1,350 approx. (being dependent on air travel costs at the time of booking). The cost will cover flights normally from Heathrow, all transport in Paraguay associated with the projects, accommodation, food, insurance and the travel with accommodation for a visit to the Iguazu Falls in Brazil at the end of the project period.

Air tickets will be booked at the end of February 2008. It is essential therefore that you make an early response to secure a place. **Dates quoted above are provisional and subject to flight availability consequently they could change slightly.**

Once travel arrangements have been finalised, a detailed information pack will be provided. All volunteers will be required to attend an orientation event in the UK prior to travel.

The number of places available upon each project is limited and while every effort is made to enable volunteers to be based upon the project of their choice, this is not always possible. Consequently, when a number of people from one church wish to visit, it may be necessary to place them on different projects.

PLEASE PRAY that God will direct the plans and arrangements currently underway for 2008.

The full report on the 2007 projects may be downloaded from:

<http://samsireland.com/2007/12/11/mission-paraguay-report-2007/>

If you would like further information about how you can take part in a short-term mission trip to Paraguay, please contact the UK Co-ordinator:

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