

# Caroline's News

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Do you know what's in a bottle of washing-up liquid? At the training day in an urban church we saw the working ingredients being added:

- Water
- Caustic soda
- Sulphuric acid
- Trietanalomina - an ingredient that does the same as a face pack (softens and/or lubricates the skin)
- Scent
- Colouring
- One of these ingredients limits the amount of bubbles so the detergent can be mixed without filling the room with foam but which leaves enough for bubbles on the dishes



The government programme DEAG, a bit like the UK Dept of environment, food and rural affairs, uses every opportunity to share their trained knowledge to improve people's lives or economic situations. We had sewing in the morning (straight seams on napkins for beginners) and detergent making in the afternoon. The day was a hit with everybody. **Our prayer now is that lots of the people in the photo above would take the initiative and start mixing, bottling and selling.** Everyone uses detergent here and the supermarket quality is often not as good as homemade. Home producers can boost their incomes very easily by selling door to door. Our next session is Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November just for the ladies. The aim is to train and equip three teams to run sewing workshops in their own communities.



Paraguay is passing through tense times. Fidel Zavala (right), a ranch owner, was kidnapped two weeks ago by the 'Paraguay People's Army', a well-armed militant group championing rights for the poor.

Because publicity here often causes panic reactions, his family asked for privacy to negotiate. They appealed to everyone to wear or display white ribbons as a sign of peace. These have appeared all over the city, on railings and cars. However, time is passing, nothing seems to be happening and nothing is very clear. The police are not trained or equipped in guerilla tactics and there is a lack of clear leading from the authorities. Paraguay is a small country and everyone feels the tension.

Please would you pray for peace and for the discovery of Fidel, Thank you

**With love and God bless, Caroline**

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