



# PRAYER LINES

**Latin American edition** December 2011 – January 2012

*For where two or three gather in my  
name, there am I with them.*

*Matthew 18:20*



# PARAGUAY

**1 December** Pray for Bishop Peter Bartlett and the pastors completing the Towards Maturity course, that the Holy Spirit will empower them to put into practice the principles they have learned and enable them to teach these to others. Pray for the parents who have attended Peter and Sally's parenting sessions, that they may discover new parenting skills and be encouraged in their family life.

**2** Pray for Assistant Bishop Andres and Estela in Concepcion, for boldness in preaching the message of the gospel and its implications, wisdom in dealing with many difficult pastoral situations and opportunities to encourage believers to live godly lives in challenging circumstances.

**3** Pray for St Andrew's School, for head Gwen Carlisle and deputy Mags Southern (SAMS Ireland mission partners). They ask prayer for the sixth formers finishing school, that they might look back and recognise God's hand on them over these last 15 years and go on to serve him wherever he might call them. Pray for God's provision in supplying the school's staffing needs.

**4** Teachers Linn Tedman and Babs Owen have been busy preparing 6th grade children for the Cambridge Key English Test this month. Pray for success for the children, and also that through the daily contact with Linn and Babs there may be spiritual fruit in these young lives.

**5** Pray for the Esperanza Foster Home, for adoptive parents for Barbara (five years old) and Victor (three years old) who have been in the home for three years, for little Antonio's development, and for wisdom for Teresa and Juana in the running of the home. A new house suddenly became needed, and praise God one was found close to the adoption centre and the Anglican church where the children go.


**6** The new La Esperanza home is also close to the Annexe School where little Barbara goes. Pray for her and the other children, many from difficult backgrounds, and for the head, Victor Santa Cruz and deputy Mirta Moyano and staff.

**7** FEISA teacher training college directors Gloria and Ana are delighted when their students are offered work at the schools where they have done their teaching practice. They ask us to pray especially that the third year students will all have jobs for the new academic year starting in February.

**8** Pray for vision and creativity for Latin partners Nicky and Ronald Irene as together they lead Anglican Marriage Encounter, work in the local school as teacher and chaplain and serve in the cathedral evening youth congregation. Thank God for the lives of the young people who attend, and their desire to reach more young people. Pray for Nicky and Ronald's children: Natasha, Tamara, Daniel and Samuel.

**9** Pray for the preparations for centenary celebrations in September 2012 in St Andrew's Chapel. Caroline Gilmour-White and others are starting to prepare displays and ask us to pray that the Holy Spirit will give them ideas and resources to witness to God's faithfulness over the past 100 years.

**10** Caroline also writes: "Two new sewing groups started this year and their continued success depends on the members forming a solid, dependable unity which can make policies and plan activities. Please would you pray along with me that leaders get established and would develop initiative?"



**11** Pray for mission partner Tim Curtis and the Enxet translation team, giving thanks for Martin Rojas and his contribution to the Enxet Old Testament translation project since 2003. Pray for him and his wife Mariana and family as they settle back into life in Makxawaya. Pray for Juan and Asuncion as they continue with checking. Pray that this daily contact with God's word may continue to challenge them and draw them closer to God.

**12** Pray for mission partners Ed and Marie Brice as they share the story of mission in Paraguay with churches in the UK. Remember Zuni and Don Antonio and others taking part in leading Sunday worship at St Matthew's during the Brices' absence, asking God for spiritual growth. Pray for those testing the new Enxet Bible Encounter manual and other lay workers Ceferino, Gilberto and Carlos.

**13** Praise God for the good start of the cattle project in Santa Fe with the NGO Global Chaco and managed by the local indigenous organization (OMI) headed up by Esteban Galeano. Chris Hawksbee writes that both the funding agency and Luis Santa Cruz, the Christian agriculturalist who is supervising it, are very pleased with the way it is going. Pray for them all.

**14** Recently Paraguay slaughtered around 1,000 cattle in an attempt to eradicate an outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease. With the importance of cattle to the Chaco communities and the industry throughout the country, please make this a matter for prayer.

**15** Pray for Beryl Baker, for her own health and that of the sick people she tends in her Chaco clinic. She gives thanks for the many indigenous people who have received successful cataract surgery from a visiting team of eye specialists, and for the others who received a thorough eye inspection and good quality glasses.

## BOLIVIA

**16** Latin partner Federico Bascunan asks our prayers for Cristo Luz del Mundo Church, especially their young people. They had a youth camp earlier this year with a mission focus. It was a good event, which helped to prepare the youngsters to go out and to take the good news of Jesus to others. Pray for new leaders to work with Federico in outreach in Santa Cruz.

## PERU

**17** It is a great encouragement for Paul Tester to see some of the young people showing enthusiasm to take on responsibilities, and to realise that God is gently forming and developing groups of young leaders. Pray for them and for wisdom for Paul, as when young people finish school there are pressures to work and study and God time can easily get squeezed.

**18** Sarah Tester finds the youth group at San Pablo a challenge. She writes: "I've had some special moments visiting and praying with teenagers recently, but actual youth group night is hard work due to discipline issues." The boys are used to very rough play and readily use their fists to resolve conflicts. Pray for discipline to improve and for God to continue working in their young lives.

**19** Pray for mission partner Pat Blanchard and for the staff who help her in the Shalom Centre, and for the disabled children and their families. Pray too for her ministry in the Jesus el Nazareno church, for the young people and the women's groups. Thank God for her love and commitment to disadvantaged people, and pray that they may come to have the same love and commitment to the Lord she serves.

**20** The Adult Forum on Sundays in the Cathedral Church of the Good Shepherd in Lima is a pre-service Bible study based on the readings. Associate mission partners Juan Carlos and Penny Marces write, "We enjoy these sessions and are seeing God work in us." Pray for their ministry in the cathedral. Penny has been asked to visit people who used to belong, but no longer attend. Pray for opportunities to share God's word and to pray with them.

**21** Pray for Julio and Norma Montoya in their work in Santa Trinidad and several shanty towns. Pray for the sick people they visit, including people with AIDS and tuberculosis. Julio and Norma visit them in their homes, help them in obtaining their medicine and pray with them, asking the Lord to lift them out of depression.

**22** Isabel Montoya has the overall management of two day care centres and a school, which between them serve 173 children and 149 families. Isabel asks for prayer for herself and her staff, that they may improve the quality of their education and care each year, prepare the children for life and above all, that they come to know and accept Christ as king of their lives.

**23** Short termer Suzanne Irvine has been learning Spanish in Lima. Pray for her as she moves on to her placement in Arequipa, for facility in the language, for cultural adaptation and for her to know God's help in all she is asked to do.

**24** Pray for a deep work of the Holy Spirit in the lives he has touched among the rural people in the Colca Canyon. Uphold Latin partners Alejandro and Doris Mesco in their calling to preach the gospel in this difficult place, praying for God's grace, wisdom and stamina.

**25 Christmas Day** "Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace, Hail the Sun of Righteousness; Light and life to all He brings, Risen with healing in His wings." (C Wesley) Praise God for the gift of his son and pray for our partner churches in Spain and Latin America as they and we celebrate Christmas today.

## CHILE

**26** Pray for patience and love for Latin partners Alejandra and Cristobal Cerón as they persevere to establish the new church plant St James the Apostle in downtown Santiago. Pray for Alejandra in her ministry to women and children, and for their daughters Belen, Jacinta and Amanda.

**27** Daniel and Ellelein Kirk, David and Joshua are in the UK on home ministry until June. Pray for rest and refreshment for them, and for God's clear guidance regarding the work they will do on their return to Chile. Pray for the Gómez Carreño church during their absence, and for those who have been studying the Bible with Daniel to grow under God's word and encourage one another.

**28** Alf and Hilary Cooper value prayer for La Trinidad church, themselves and their family. Pray for guidance of the Holy Spirit for Alf in his duties as chaplain to the President of Chile, in his weekly television programme and in his preaching, teaching and pastoral care of God's people.

**29** Latin partners Juan Carlos and Marisol Chamorro serve St Andrew's church, Renaca near Vina del Mar. Anglican Marriage Encounter has been a big factor in the growth of this congregation. Pray for their work with children and families and with students too, that all may know God's love and grow in faith and commitment to him.

**30** Pray for Latin partners Pablo and Pamela Zavala and their family, for God's grace in their ministry in La Serena. Pray for the couples who have been drawn into the church through marriage encounter weekends, for families and young people, that they may grow in their knowledge of the Lord and share his love with others.

**31** David and Gina Hucker write, "This year has been by far the best year with the congregation growing, members participating in ministry, the building 90 per cent finished and a general belief that God is moulding and shaping the community of believers that gather in Arica under the title of Anglicans." Praise God for this fresh optimism and pray for continuing encouragement in the work of his Spirit.

## SPAIN

**1 January** Pray that Sue Woodcock may know God's healing in her life and his ever present grace and encouragement as she battles with pancreatic cancer. Pray for the Esglesia de Crist in Sabadell to grow in knowledge and love for the Lord and for its prayer life to deepen.

**2** Pray for mission partners Felipe and Sarah Yanez and sons Samuel and Aaron in their ministry of hospitality, teaching and friendship. Pray for the Spirit's leading towards those recently arrived in Spain whose lives the Lord would touch through them. Pray for God's grace and guidance as they give practical help to the needy.

## NORTHERN ARGENTINA

**3** In November, at the diocesan synod, Nick Drayson was installed as diocesan bishop, with responsibility for the urban churches as well as the rural churches. He and Catherine write, "The way ahead is still uncharted, but we pray so much for wisdom and courage in carrying out the next steps. Nick particularly needs to build an able and trustworthy team around him."

**4** Pray for Nick and Catherine, for full recovery for Catherine following her operation, and for strength and encouragement from the Lord as they face the ongoing challenges including becoming proficient in Wichi, and the extreme heat. Pray too for daughter Stefi on her gap year in Salta.

**5** Pray for God's grace and guidance for mission partners David and Shelley Stokes, and for good health and stamina during the hot summer. Pray David may be able to use his gifts of teaching and preaching, and Shelley may be an encouragement to Wichi women and girls with her gifts of music and friendship.

**6** Pray for Latin partners Marina and Rene Pereira, and for the summer youth camps in the diocese and all who help with them. Pray for young people to turn to Christ for the first time and for others to go deeper in their commitment to him. Pray that the Pereira family may get a holiday during these summer months.

**7** Latin partners Hugo and Techí Vergara ask us to pray for the Principe de Paz church in Salta. Miguel Solis leads the church as well as having a secular job. Deacon Nide helps in leading and preaching and Carmen and her sons lead worship. Pray for Hugo as he encourages these leaders in the necessary pastoral work and as he helps the church to regain their original vision for student work. (They are close to the university).

**8** Pray for the church in Tucuman who are building a new room in order to help them reach out to students. Pray especially for Matias, Pablo, Oscar, Natalia, Judit and Nicolas who are all students and committed members of the Tucuman church. Pray for renewal and encouragement for Hugo, and for his daughter Flavia and her husband Dany as they return to Salta in December after further study in Buenos Aires, and help with the churches in the north.

**9** Andrew Leake and colleague Marcelo are working on their project to monitor birdlife in the Chaco. The project has support from a Christian education organisation from Buenos Aires and they will receive advice from creation care ministry A Rocha International and from bird watching specialists in Salta. Pray for funding, and that those living in the Chaco, especially the churches, will be enthusiastic in taking part.

**10** The Land for Life charity is investigating a possibility of buying El Saladillo, a plot of forest land in a strategic area for conservation. Pray for Andrew and Maria Leake and their advisers as they look further into this option, especially in terms of fundraising.

**11** Pray for associate mission partners Michael and Silvia Browne and sons Kevin and Christopher, and for Toba translators Jose and Hilario and their families, also for Osvaldo who was on the team before and is volunteering to help. Pray for the checking of the minor prophet books and for the preparation of a booklet for children on Zacchaeus. Commit to the Lord a possible project for both the Tobas and Pilaga Indians, whose languages are very similar.

**12** Associate mission partners Charles and Lynn Barr Johnston give thanks for a visit from their daughter Susan with her two-year-old son Alex. Pray for Lynn, whose health is struggling, giving thanks for the care given them by Ester, Liliana and Blas. Pray for the weekly Bible study, and for Susan and her husband Emmanuel and Alex back at home in Zurich.

## URUGUAY

**13** Continue to pray for a good way forward for the Diocese of Uruguay following the synod of the Province of the Southern Cone in November. Pray for godly wisdom and grace for Bishop Miguel and deacon Marta Tamayo, assistant bishop Gilberto, clergy and people as they seek to serve the Lord.

**14** Pray for Latin partners Gonzalo and Leticia Soria and daughters Abril and Guillermina. With their church members in Fray Bentos they are committed to spreading the love of Christ to the sick and elderly, children and families and to young offenders. Pray these needy people may be encouraged and meet the Lord of love through this ministry.

## UK

**15** Pray for Tim Dakin as he prepares for his new ministry as Bishop of Winchester. Thank God for all that he has and is achieving during his time as executive director and community leader of CMS. Ask God to bless and overrule the time of transition.

**16** Pray for God's clear guidance in the search for, selection and appointment of the new executive director of CMS, that he or she may be the person who can play a key part in leading CMS into God's future.

**17** Henry Scriven, Jo Hazelton and their colleagues in the Latin America and mission personnel teams in the Oxford office of CMS value our prayers. Pray for Henry in his travelling and ministry in UK churches and overseas.

**18** SEAN celebrated its 40th birthday this year. Praise God for the testimonies from all over the world to the blessing received through this programme of Study by Extension for All Nations, and pray for SEAN director Terry and Pancha Barratt.

**19** Praise God for the appointment of Latin partner Danny Morrison as associate vicar of Triangle and All Saints churches, which come under St Matthew's Ipswich. Danny and Ary thank God for his faithfulness and provision in leading them to this next step in their ministry. Pray for them and their sons Samuel, Michael and Andrew.

## BRAZIL

**20** Praise God for the move to a new property for My Father's House, which took place while the boys were on holiday on the farm. Pray for mission partners Andy and Rose Roberts, a new helper, Rafael, from Living Waters Church, and the boys. Pray for wisdom for the judges who make assessments on the boys' needs, for Andy and the team in responding and for protection for them all.

**21** Ian and Latin partner Simea Meldrum ask prayer for a Celebrating Recovery programme led by Joao from the Anglican Church in Sao Paolo. All who take part are men who have some level of involvement with drugs or alcohol. Pray they may turn to Christ. Pray for good health for Ian and Simea. Pray too for Vera, whose life is not easy, that she may find joy in a garden project on the favela.

**22** Pray for Ruth and Efraim Vilela and baby Max and their church and work in Recife. Remember too those who took part in the mission trip to Porto Alegre in August: the students and graduates from Oxford leading, preaching and giving their testimonies, the Brazilian congregation who gave so much in hospitality and welcome, the eight translators from various churches who did a great job and were blessed themselves. Pray that God will continue to work in the lives of each one.

**23** Marcus Throup is a theological teacher, youth worker, and is studying for a PhD. Pray for him and Tamara and daughter Rebekah, and for the youth group in the cathedral in Joao Pessoa. Pray that his translation of John Wesley's commentaries on the gospel will be well used by the church in Brazil.

**24** Pray for Latin partners Josias and Danielle da Souza and their family at the Holy Spirit church in Recife, and for their pastor Miguel Uchoa. Ask God to bless their ministry and outreach, and for a deeper commitment to the Lord in both younger and older people in the congregation.

## ARGENTINA

**25** Uphold Bishop Greg and Silvia Venables in ministry in Buenos Aires, praying for him in his pastoral oversight and preparation of future leaders. Thank God for his visit in October to St Andrew's School, Asuncion (where he once was head), for his talks at the staff retreat and to parents and ex-pupils.

**26** Latin partner Mario Ágreda works closely with Bishop Greg on the diocesan team planning strategy and training. Pray for him in this, and for the churches in Villa Devoto and Lomas in which he works, with his wife Paula and family.

## ECUADOR

**27** Pray for mission partner Jill Ball and her work through Life in Abundance Trust. She finds it awesome to see what the Lord has done through such small beginnings. Pray for the 15 special needs children in the school, and for Ruth and Maria as they develop their wor – Ruth in charge and Maria with the younger children.

**28** Praise God that co-worker Blanca really loves and feels called by God to her work with abused women, and that she is now better in health. She and Jill "can now see some light and freedom in the lives of some folk we are working with and see this as God responding to our prayers and our endeavours." Pray for the building of the women's centre and the plans to develop a skills training centre for poor, marginalised women.

**29** Pray for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the people of Laura Flores and for God's protection from the evil one. Pray for the two PEPE schools for pre-school children and for pastor Rodrigo's weekly class with some of the mothers exploring faith issues. Thank God for his leadership of the Sunday School, which has grown to 35 children.

**30** Short term speech and language therapist Amy Dawkins works each morning in the special needs school in Santo Domingo and also with children in other organisations who have communication difficulties. She writes, "This is definitely where my heart lies and I am thankful and happy to offer some help and be part of their lives." Pray for her with the challenge of giving speech therapy in Spanish – a language she is still learning.

**31** Thank God for the contribution made by short termer Victoria Martineau during her year helping Jill in Ecuador. She particularly appreciated sharing in Bible study with the women's group in Laura Flores. Pray for Victoria as she thinks back on all she has experienced, settles back into UK life and continues her journey with the Lord.

Jesus Christ Son of God  
Sent to us  
As love radiantly visible  
Sent to us  
Who forget and lose sight  
And become so lost  
Make us like you  
Make beauty of us  
Born of hope, faith and love  
and then send us  
Send us where it is hardest to love  
Because there is so much to hate  
Send us where the lies deafen  
And truth is only a whisper  
Send us where the ugly blinds  
And beauty is used and discarded  
Send us where the pain is deepest  
And hope is nearly gone  
Send us to love where love is dead  
And resurrection is our only hope  
When we are afraid  
When we are rejected  
When we are weak  
When we are hurting  
When we are like you  
Send us  
To where you already are

– Karlie Allaway, currently on the CMS  
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