

Linn Tedman's News August 2008

Thanks

Thank you all for your prayers this month. It has been a good month with the holidays bringing two weeks of absolutely perfect weather. It has also been a sad time as we have bid farewell to several friends and colleagues.

The School

The end of term saw the departure of Elaine Hutchinson, a volunteer secondary teacher from Ireland who worked here for a year. She has returned to Ireland in preparation for her wedding in September.

We have all enjoyed a good two-week break. However, while we were all basking in glorious sunshine Mags Southern and Liz Aguilera were freezing and wet in the UK with their families.

Suddenly, in the middle of the holiday, Gwen (our head) heard that Lisa Guillen (another secondary teacher) would be leaving early with her husband and daughter to live permanently in the UK, due to a mix-up with visas. This has left the department three teachers down with classes to cover until Liz returns from UK. So far the Lord has provided two local teachers (at least temporarily).

This week we celebrate Friendship Day.

Now the Primary Department is busy rehearsing for a production of a musical about Samuel's early life. It was delayed from last term for various reasons.

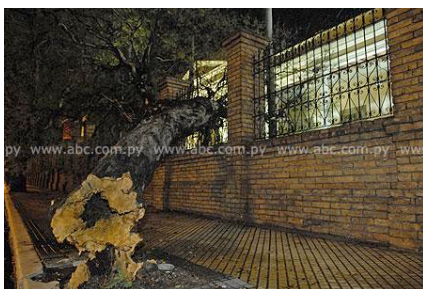
The Church



The Somervells have now left us and are hopefully having a family bonding time on holiday in Europe. There were several tearful farewells for them to get through, but I am sure that they felt highly appreciated for their time given here serving the Lord. They will be sorely missed by many of us.

Our Church has now closed for the time being, so I have joined the congregation of San Andres Cathedral. The services are usually longer than Cristo Salvador, but they are very relaxed. I know many of the people there and I have been welcomed.

We have enjoyed hosting the first Mission Paraguay team in the Diocese this year. They have been running sewing clubs and kids clubs in Luque and San Lorenzo. Their mission has been greatly appreciated by the local people, who took them to their hearts and learned new skills from them, which they will hopefully continue to develop. I met up with some of the team after church on Sunday and they had all been 'touched' by their visit here.



We now await the next team. They will be working, one group in the Chaco and one in Concepcion.

The Country

The ongoing problems in Argentina continue to affect Paraguay. This month saw a severe shortage of Diesel fuel coming into the country. This meant long queues of hauliers at the petrol depot and many buses could not run for a few days so there were long waits for buses.

Just over a week ago we experienced a fantastic storm in Asuncion. It was like a mini hurricane but did not last long. The roads were several feet deep in water and trees were torn from their roots. Many of those in the shanty towns lost their homes. The media focussed on the helpless and the government sent in some help, by way of tin roofing etc so they could rebuild.

On a happier note this month has seen the city a mass of colour as the Spring approaches and all the Lapacho trees have been in flower.



Prayer Points:

1. Give thanks for the visit of the Mission Paraguay team and for the beautiful weather that we all enjoyed during their visit. Pray that each of them will be a real witness in their churches back in UK as to what Mission really means. Please pray for the next team, that they will be a blessing to all they meet and that they will be richly blessed too.
2. Continue to pray for Paraguay and all its difficulties. Pray for Fernando Lugo as he takes up office later this month (15th). Pray for the Holy Spirit to fill him with wisdom. Pray for those who are worried about the future, to come to know the Lord and have confidence in Him.
3. Pray for all those who have left Paraguay over the past month. Pray for them to be able to settle quickly and to have suitable employment. Pray for Elaine as she and Barry prepare for their wedding in Ireland.
4. Pray that the Lord will be calling more teachers to come to Paraguay to teach in St. Andrew's School. We need teachers at every level from the Nursery department to the Secondary department.

When teachers sacrifice time to work for us here they always leave here later enriched both in spirit and in character and the Lord honours their input. A knowledge of Spanish is not essential as we teach in English. If you are interested in joining us please contact SAMS GB or Miss Gwen Carlisle at the school for more information. (see address below or email <director@csandres.com>)

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