

Feisa

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Formación en Educación Inicial San Andrés



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Dear friends of FEISA,

It's a real pleasure to be able to share with you news about FEISA and to know of your interest and prayer support. My name is Lourdes Calderini Garay and as you know, I'm now the Director of FEISA, having taken over the position from Ana Demestri at the beginning of August. It's a great privilege for me to be heading up this important institution, where I've been working for the last 15 years.

I've been married to Luis Alberto Garay for 26 years and I have two children, Luis Alberto aged 25, who has gained his degree in Telecommunications and Maria Lujan aged 20, who's in her third year studying Industrial Engineering.

As the new Director, I really want to do everything to satisfy the expectations of yourselves and of our study body, and I intend to give all I have got to this ministry, remembering what Paul says in Colossians 3: 23

"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men."

Now I would like to share with you what we have been doing during the month of August.

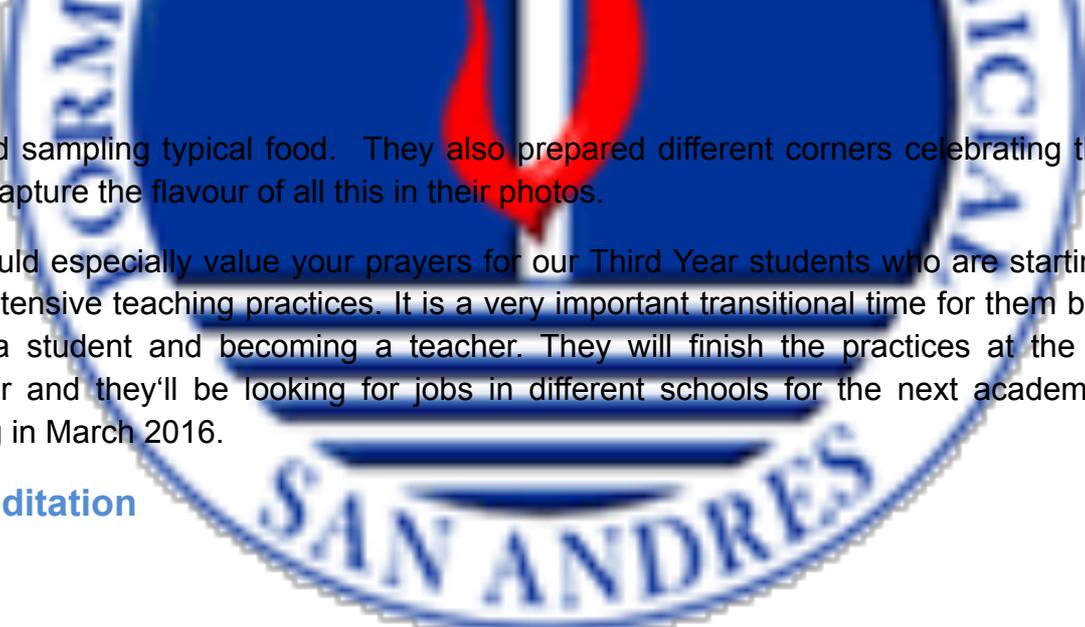
Academic activities

Our Third Year students visited schools and different Indian communities in the Paraguayan Chaco, hundreds of kms. from Asuncion. They observed and experienced the daily realities of life in the area. They returned challenged and wanting to put into practice all they had learned. Photos of their visit will follow.

On Children's Day, some students visited St. Andrew's annexe school in the Chacarita area, taking along games and fun activities for the infant children there. This was part of their own training as you'll see in the photos at the end.

Five of our degree students defended their theses in Early Years Education, a big milestone in their professional development.

In August, we also celebrated Paraguayan Folklore Day. Paraguay has a very rich, colourful folklore tradition and the students presented folk dances and music, and they



enjoyed sampling typical food. They also prepared different corners celebrating the day. You'll capture the flavour of all this in their photos.

We would especially value your prayers for our Third Year students who are starting their final, intensive teaching practices. It is a very important transitional time for them between being a student and becoming a teacher. They will finish the practices at the end of October and they'll be looking for jobs in different schools for the next academic year starting in March 2016.

Accreditation

Praise God, we have completed all the documentation required by the Paraguayan Ministry of Education for official accreditation, including our plans for future development. We're now awaiting the final phase, which is the visit of external evaluators.

The Toy Library

During August, we had the visit of David Orritt who heads up Mission Paraguay. His support and interest is very important to us and with his group of volunteers from the UK, he accompanied us as we took the Toy Library to various Anglican churches.

We've worked out a new calendar of visits for this second half of the year, when we'll be visiting churches along the coastal road around the bay of Asuncion.

Welcome!

We are very happy to welcome the safe arrival of Silvia Maidana's new little daughter, Agustina. Please pray for much blessing on mother and baby.

Your Prayers

We would ask you to remember us in your prayers during this time of transition under my leadership, as we face many new challenges. As you know, at present FEISA occupies the top floor of St. Andrew's College but it's our heart's desire to have our own building so that we can continue to expand our ministry.

I'd like to finish with some words of Habakkuk 2:2-3.

The Lord answered me:

Write down the vision and make it clear on tablets so that whoever reads it can run with it.

For the vision will be fulfilled in its appointed time. It is moving towards its fulfillment and it will not delay.

Although it appears to linger, wait for it because without doubt it will come about."



REASONS FOR PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

- ◆ A challenging visit to the Chaco by our Third Year students
- ◆ The 5 students who were able to defend their degree theses
- ◆ A very happy Paraguayan Folklore Day
- ◆ David Orritt's encouraging visit and ongoing support of the Toy Library
- ◆ The successful conclusion of the internal accreditation documentation
- ◆ The safe arrival of Silvia's baby, Agustina

PRAYER REQUESTS

- ◆ For Lourdes and all her team in this time of transition and new challenges
- ◆ For Ana Demestri and family adapting to life in the USA
- ◆ For Third Year students starting their final Teaching Practices
- ◆ That all the Third Year students may find the right jobs for 2016
- ◆ For the Toy Library visiting new churches along the bay of Asuncion
- ◆ For the external phase of the official accreditation of the institution
- ◆ That FEISA may be able to obtain its own independent building

PHOTOS

(Chaco Visit)



(Toy Library)



(Thesis)



(Welcome Agustina)



(Folklore Day)





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