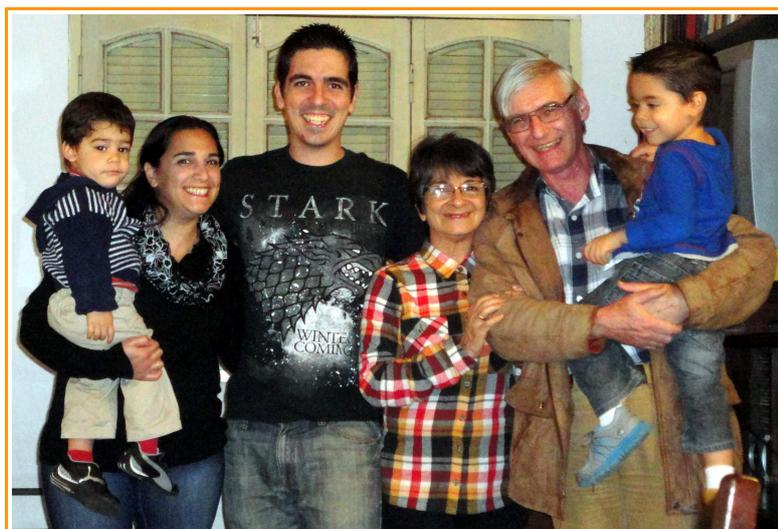


“...the LORD’s ..compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.”

Lamentations 3:22, 23

## *1<sup>st</sup> October 2014 Greetings from Ed and Marie Brice in Tartagal, part of the Diocese of Northern Argentina*

We trust you will forgive these proud grandparents wanting to share their family photos of our trip to Paraguay, over two months after the event. The pretext is that some of you remember our sons from when they used to visit the UK with us.



The Paraguay boarder on the river Pilcomayo was badly flooded, but our trip there couldn't have been more straight forward. We especially enjoyed the last leg on a local Asunción bus which took us around some old haunts. Four nights in Asunción with **Neill** and **Deysi** gave us a chance to reestablish our rapport with **Ian Xavier** and **Eric Anthony**, before making the 130 mile trip to see **Javier**,

**Melody**, **Aliah** and, new grandson, **Josiah**, in Gral. Aquino. We were fortunate that Melody's dad was making the trip in his car and had room to take us, saving us a tiring five hours on the bus.

Melody's brother, **Brian**, made space for us in his car when he took his family to Asunción three days later!

**Josiah** was just a week old when we arrived, his mum was recovering well from the caesarean. We went with the family on their first post-natal check up, and got to know a little bit



of the local Mennonite town of Friesland. We also witnessed, first hand, **Javi** and **Melody's** nascent bakery business and enjoyed their products. On seeing all the bitter oranges Marie couldn't resist making a batch of marmalade. Back in Asunción an extra bonus was meeting up with **David Orritt** who was over with a team of Mission Paraguay

volunteers. Our return trip to Tartagal was the most complicated part of the whole visit. A delay of just a couple of hours at the boarder, due to a customs strike, put everything else out of kilter so instead of the twenty hours it had taken on the outward leg it took us thirty to get back home.



The two week '**Capacitación**' meetings in Ing. Juárez (small Wild West style town at the geographical centre of the diocese) has been the main stay of the five year training for ordination of Indian pastors. This has been **René Pereira's** (second from right) responsibility for many years, more recently with **David Stokes'** (centre) support. Ed was very pleased to be able to spend a day with them in early September. The numbers on this course had swelled to ninety, taking in extra people from an earlier course that had been canceled due to limited funding. There wasn't anybody from the Indian Churches in the north of the diocese, its just too far for them to come. For this reason there are plans to provide courses which would cater for that area which will almost certainly involve Ed. A few days earlier Ed had been in that part of the diocese in the town of Sta. Victoria on the river Pilcomayo, but in an **Assemblies of God** church, at the invitation of Swedish missionary Lena (front left). Praise the Lord for these opportunities to deepen our relationship with this denomination which has many churches among Indians and Criollos in the same area.



*Thank you for your faithful prayers and financial support  
With all our love*

*Ed and Marie*