



SAMS Prayer Partners Chris and Alison Hawksbee

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Chris and Alison Hawksbee serve in Paraguay, the country where Chris was born and grew up. Chris, who is trained in agriculture and development, works with the Indian churches and communities in the Chaco region. Alison works at the Asunción Christian Academy as Academic Director.

Chris provides technical advice and training in subsistence level farming and cash cropping so that the indigenous Christian communities can support themselves and continue to live sustainably in these remote areas.

He works with several of the 17 ethnic groups in Paraguay. Now living in Asunción, Chris travels frequently to the Chaco. He negotiates with the Paraguayan government and NGOs (Non-Governmental Organisations) to highlight the needs of the indigenous church communities in the Chaco. He assists pastors of the Anglican church, encourages groups in Christian discipleship, and advises on agricultural, sustainability and development issues.

Chris visits 6 communities or settlements in the Rio Verde area:

- Makthlawaiya
- La Herencia (ex-Sombrero Piri)
- El Estribo
- La Patria
- Saria
- Espinillo



Pray

- For Alison in her role as Academic Director at Asunción Christian Academy and the responsibilities of carrying out this demanding role.
- For Alison on her own when Chris is away in the Chaco.
- For Chris and Alison in their involvement with their local church San Andrés.
- For Chris as he combines his preaching and teaching ministry with his role as agricultural advisor.
- Give thanks for resources given to Chris for distribution among indigenous Christian communities. Recently he was able to give out 1000 copies of the audible Bible in one of the native languages, which will complement the Bible studies Chris has been doing in the Chaco.
- Pray for Chris as he is sorting out a charging system using solar panels to recharge batteries.
- Please pray for the church in Paraguay. There is a need for more trained pastors, particularly as many are now approaching retirement.



Paraguay Overview

Location

Paraguay is a landlocked country located in the centre of South America. It borders Bolivia and Brazil on the north, Brazil to the east, Argentina to the south, and Bolivia and Argentina to the west. It has a total land area of 157,048 square miles. It is sometimes referred to as the “Heart of America”, owing to its central location in the continent.

Terrain

Paraguay is divided naturally by the river Paraguay. To the west of the river is the flat deposit of the Gran Chaco, a vast plain which extends from Paraguay into Bolivia, Argentina, and Brazil. This whole region is characterized by grasslands, swamps, and sparse bush coverage. The eastern area consists mainly of plains with rainforest-like vegetation and is drained by the tributaries of the Paraguay and Paraná rivers.

Climate

Located on the Tropic of Capricorn, Paraguay enjoys a climate that varies from temperate to hot during the majority of the year, with an average temperature of 25°C. Summers are long, with temperatures that reach 45°C and winters are mild and short.

Population

6.5 million

Capital

Asunción

Area

157,048 sq miles
(406,752 sq km)

