

PRAYER LETTER FROM CLAIRE

Dear Praying Friend,

I hope you are well. I am home for Christmas this year which is lovely.

It's good to have an opportunity to look back over the year and to recognise what God has been doing. I love what the Angel Gabriel said to Mary *"with God, nothing is impossible"* and how we see Him working things out in ways we often couldn't have imagined.

SIMPLE THE STORY...

As I have mentioned in previous letters we have been trained to tell and discuss Bible stories using a method called 'Simply the Story.' We have also been trained to train others. Through this we have a good team who are leading Bible Studies with children, young people and adults in Concepcion. The Lord is also opening doors for us to train others in other parts of Paraguay and further afield.



Zuny and possibly Lucia are travelling to Ecuador in February to help with a workshop there and there are other invitations for future training. Please pray for us a church and a team that God will protect us and lead us wherever He wants us to go with this.

RAMONITA...

This year we didn't have teams but were

privileged to have David Orritt from Mission Paraguay with us for a few days. Through the support of Mission Paraguay we were able to get a multi purpose church building in Ramonita, one of our annexes. While he was with us we had a mission service to thank God for his provision and to recognise our part in his mission as we also looked outwards, praying for the persecuted church. The 50 plus children and young people who attend the meetings each week were there, as were some of the parents. It has been encouraging to see many of the children and young people come to the prayer meeting and Bible Study and start to pray.

One of the things we do is to pray for each other and others who have stopped coming to church. One of the young people came back to church in Ramonita after disappearing for a while. When he came in he said *'I haven't been coming for a while because although I want to, there are always things to stop me. Pedro told me you were praying for me and here I am.'*

In November we were also delighted to have a visit from Bishop Ken Clarke, mission director of SAMS and Rev Mark Lennox. Their visit was a great encouragement for the church.

CHURCH LIFE...

The young people have been trying to form a worship group for years and although there is so much talent



amongst them they have never been able to get it together until now. We had a week of prayer about a year ago specifically for the music and worship of the church. Over the past six months they have formed a strong music group who pray together, practise and play at the youth services, sometimes at the main church service and also at other inter church events in Concepcion. They also played and shared their testimony at the youth prison. Many of these young people are from difficult home situations and they would appreciate your prayers.

The church has a ministry team but as yet no pastor. We pray for the Lord's guidance and provision for this and also his vision for the church as we go into a new year. I would also appreciate your prayers as I visit and share at different churches over the next few months.

Thank you so much for all your prayers and support. *"With God nothing is impossible"* and your prayers make a big difference.

God bless you and Happy Christmas.

Thank you for your support and prayers.

God Bless.

Love

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