

PRAYER LETTER FROM CLAIRE

Dear friends,
I hope you're well. It was lovely to be home at the start of the year and to meet up with many of you. I have now been back in Paraguay over three months and lots has been happening. The next few months will bring volunteers from Ireland and a youth camp which we are looking forward to.

SIMPLY THE STORY

I mentioned in my last letter that we had been invited to help lead a 'Simply the Story' workshop in



Ecuador. In the workshop we train others to tell and lead conversations on Bible Stories through questions, listening and responding, in an oral style. Two ladies from church, Zuny and Lorena who have been trained in STS, and have been leading Bible studies through story in Concepción, had the privilege of travelling to the jungle area of Ecuador to help

deliver the training. It was an amazing and life changing experience for them and when they returned they spoke of how it really encouraged them to see and be part of what God is doing in other parts of the world. They also shared of the wonderful opportunity they had to eat worms!

We continue to prepare and practise Bible Stories so we can learn more from God's word both in Paraguay, and help with training in other places. We love how you always learn and discover something new from God's word that you didn't see before, and how you learn from each other.

MOTHER'S DAY

We continue to work with a lot of children and young people in different areas, as well as adults. In



May 'Mother's Day' is celebrated in Paraguay and lots of the mums came



to the special events we organised for them. It's a great opportunity to get to know them better, and also to pray for them and their families. Jesus said to Zacchaeus - 'today salvation has come to this house.' That is our prayer not just for the children and young people but for the family of each of them as well.

DIOCESAN CAMP

Every year the diocese has a winter and a summer youth camp. This year the church in Concepción is hosting it and we plan to hold it in 'San Juan' one of our annexes, which has facilities which were built by teams from England and Ireland as part of 'Mission Paraguay.' This is the first time we have ever hosted a diocesan camp and we would appreciate your prayers as we prepare for it. The organisation of the camps is led by Esteban Romero, who many of you know, as he spent a year in Ireland. He is also studying at theological college. Don't you just love all the connections between people in God's worldwide mission!



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Hopefully a lot of our young people who would find it difficult financially to travel to Asunción for the camp will be able to participate here. We pray that it will be a real opportunity for them to grow spiritually.

VOLUNTEERS

As a church we always receive so much blessing from the visits of volunteers and teams. This year, beginning in July different volunteers will be coming to serve in Concepción, Rachel, Melissa, Hannah and Noel, some for two weeks and some for five months.



Please pray for them as they prepare to come out, and as we as a church prepare to receive them. The generosity of people in giving, praying and coming to be part of God's mission here means so much to us. Thank you for your part.

NORMA

Norma leads the 'Children's Ministry', and also with her husband Saul the shelter for the Indigenous people. Her mum has been sick since the start of the year and it is difficult for her to juggle everything with caring for her own family, looking after her mum and also

leading the ministry with the children we work with in different places. Please pray for Norma and also that the Lord will raise up more people who want to be involved in the work with the children. It will also be a great support to have the volunteers from SAMS here.

CHURCH LEADERSHIP:

The church has been without a pastor for 3 years now. On 1 July we will have our church annual meeting to elect a new church council etc. We would appreciate your prayers for the leadership team, for Ricardo and Cristina, Saul and Norma, that we would lead well and also for us as a church as we continue for another year without a pastor.

MUSIC GROUP

I have mentioned on different occasions the music group, and a lot of the young people. There is so much talent amongst them and it's great to see many of them growing spiritually. They are a great bunch of young people.

P A S T O R A L CONCERNS

A lot of the young people are struggling



with massive issues and problems. At times I find it hard to get my head round things which they come to talk to me about. Please pray for me and the other leaders that we will have godly wisdom and lives, to lead them wisely, and that the Lord himself will lead them, protect them and help them to really dedicate their lives and their talents to Him. My prayer is that we will all do 'according to what is in His Heart and in His mind.'

Thank you so much for all your love, support and prayers which make such a difference.

God bless,
Love

Claire

