

2017

Season's Greetings to all our friends and family supporting the Esperanza Foster Home in Asuncion, Paraguay.

2017 has been a year when.....

- The 4 little girls (8,6, 5 and 4 years) have attended the Annexe Primary School run by the Anglican church, situated in the same road as the foster home. Frustratingly, there seems to be little movement in the legal situations of the sisters K and N, or for L. However, Na has just been released for adoption and is waiting to meet a new family. They have all been involved in a big school dance production recently, which they loved.
- Little boy F has moved on to a permanent placement with a birth relative.
- Longstanding board member and “auntie” in the home, Teresa, has sadly retired from involvement with Esperanza.
- Two new volunteers have joined the team: Adriana, a lawyer helping to chase the legal process, and Diana, helping with administration.
- Paraguayan social services have only been able to provide nappies and milk about once every 4 months.
- A number of fundraising events have been held in Asuncion.
- Two new siblings arrived in November - a little boy, J, of 2 years and a 7 month old baby girl, MJ, bringing the total number of children to 6 again.

We have taken the decision not to include photos this year, but please take it from us that the ones we've seen recently clearly show the difference between those children now settled and thriving in the home, and those who have just arrived.

Thank you for the part you have played in helping this project complete over 12 years of caring for children who would otherwise be in large, under resourced children's homes. We'd love it to continue as long as possible.

If you would like to give a further donation, or increase your planned giving, please get in touch. All donations continue to be processed by the South American Mission Society of the UK and Ireland. If you are making a donation via their website please **remember to**

specify that your gift is for the Esperanza Foster Home in Paraguay. <http://www.samsukireland.com/support/>

This comes with our love, wishing you every blessing for 2018!

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