

Feisa

Training teachers,
Transforming lives

Formación en Educación Inicial San Andrés



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Dear friends of FEISA,

I'm finally writing to bring you up to date with our life and activities here. We have had an unusually long and very cold winter which should soon end, and we're now into the last term of our academic year with all the work which that entails.

1. Our Academic Activities

The First Year students have been attending various workshops on educational games and artistic expression in its various forms, and how to teach children through them. They've thoroughly enjoyed themselves and taken advantage of each workshop they were offered.

We are continuing to hold special In-service Training Days on Saturdays once a month. These are open to anyone who is interested, and at the moment we're looking at the theme "Working with Children with Intellectual Disability". We have 3 more sessions until November and we would be grateful for your prayers for continued good attendance. These Training Days are a good opportunity to let people experience the kind of workshops and training that we offer in FEISA.

2. Teaching Practices

The First Year students have finished their first teaching practice in nurseries catering for infants up to 3 years of age, and they've returned to FEISA delighted with their experience of working with babies!

At this moment, as part of their teaching practice in the depths of the countryside, the Third Year students are visiting Indian schools in the Paraguayan Chaco, 400 kilometres from Asuncion. It's an important experience to help them understand the different realities faced by children in the countryside. Pray this may be very significant for them. One former student was so moved by her experience in the Chaco that she went to teach there and has been used by the Lord to raise the standard of life not only of the children but of their mothers as well.

On August 29th, these Third Year students will begin planning their final Practices in State Schools, where they will be totally responsible for the children's school day, from the initial welcome to the home time. This will be a real challenge for them! Some of the State Schools are very poorly equipped and they will need much creativity, ingenuity and patience.

4. The Toy Library

In June, a new toy librarian called Adriana Osorio began to work with us. Adriana is a former FEISA student, the daughter of Lorenzo, one of our maintenance staff, and the wife of David our Administrator. We are so pleased to have her.

In July, our good friend David Orrit visited Paraguay again with a Paraguay Mission team, prepared to serve our nation. Together, we took the Toy Library to some of the Anglican Churches and we had very special visits. The children had a great time and it's always encouraging for us when people from overseas come to visit us.

5. New Projects

Last month we presented the Paraguayan Ministry of Education with 2 new projects which we want to offer in the future as post graduate specialisation courses: the first on Inclusive Education and the other on teaching children from 6 to 8 years of age. Please join us in praying that we may receive a favourable response.

5. Staff News

Lourdes (Director)

Thank you all so much for praying for us! Please continue to pray that FEISA may obtain official approval for a growing number of Inservice Training Days so that we're able to reach more people.

I personally want to thank God for the strength He gives us in all the situations we face. The care my mother needs is always a challenge, demanding much emotional strength. Praise God that she is well within the limitations of her situation.

May you all be blessed yourselves!



Ruth (Academic Secretary)

At the moment we are busy filling out marks and exam result forms, dealing with the necessary re-sits for some students, and completing all the documentation concerning the first half of the academic year. Praise God for His faithfulness and help!

I am continuing to work on my Psychology Thesis, whenever I have a moment, and with God's help I'm making progress, little by little! I would value prayer that I may be able to complete it.



Eliana Toranzo (Assistant Secretary)

These months in FEISA have been very productive as I have now learned most of the normal office routines through Ruth, who is an excellent mentor. There's a pleasant atmosphere here with the emphasis on working as a team and the desire to build on this with positive and correct attitudes. In this way we are growing as an institution and reflecting something of God's nature.

On the personal side, I would ask your prayers for one of my friends called Benjamin Mino, who's suffering from a terminal illness. Could you also pray for my family who live in Cordoba, Argentina.



I thank God that I'm part of the family of FEISA and for you lives as you always pray for each one of us without knowing us. Thank you so much!

David (Administrator and Accountant)

I am very happy to be working in FEISA and we are all making every effort to continue growing so that we can become more & more self-sustaining. At the moment we are covering 84% of our budget costs.

On the personal side, God has blessed us this year with the arrival of our first baby, a son called Isaac. We are so grateful for him but we would ask you to pray for his physical development as he has some problems with his movement. However, he is receiving physiotherapy and we believe he has nothing which God can't heal.

We continue in the battle over my father's deteriorating health as his diabetes and related infection are worsening. We are entrusting him to God's care and waiting for His will to be done.

On behalf of my family, I do want to thank you for your support and prayers.



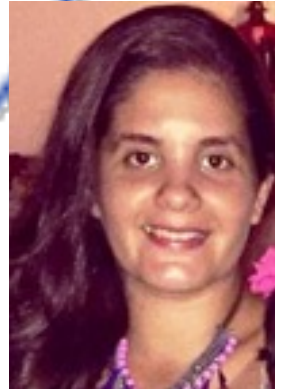
Many blessings!

Silvia (IT and Publicity)

Praise God our computers are working well, considering how much they are used by all the students. Now, however, as the Third Year students begin to prepare for their final Teaching Practice, they'll have priority in the use of the IT room.

I'm continuing to work on the publicity for our Training Days, Courses etc. Praise God, people really seem interested in them.

On the personal side, my parents have now settled in Aregua, some kilometres outside Asuncion, and for me, being independent of them is a big challenge. Baby Agustina and I are very happy in our new home, though sometimes it's very lonely. It's very good to have our own space, however. We're praying that I may be able to have my own car so that I can work on restoring and painting furniture in the mornings. Agustina is a real companion and if we had a car, we could visit more people and it would also be easier to get to FEISA etc. I know that if it's God's will,

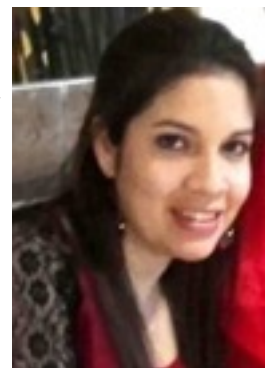


He will make it possible. I'm very happy & grateful that Agustina can accompany me to the office and stay in the nursery provided for all the children of the staff of St. Andrew's College, the Anglican Church & FEISA. This is truly a great blessing! Agustina had her first birthday a month ago. We're so grateful for her life!

Thank you all for your constant prayer for each one of us.

Patty (Librarian)

The library is very quiet at the moment but as soon as the Third Year Teaching Practices begin, the students will be using all our resources. I'm therefore busy organizing all the articles and materials they will need to make it easier for them to find what they are looking for.



Noemi (Teaching Practices Coordinator)

At the moment I'm accompanying the Third Year Students in their Teaching Practice in the Chaco, in the depths of the Paraguayan countryside. Please ask God to bless their lives through this visit and also the lives of the children we are meeting. On our return, the students will begin planning for their final Teaching Practices. Before we left Asuncion, we

were putting together the files for the different schools where they will be teaching. Please pray that all may go well for each student.

On the personal side, my family and I are praying that the Lord will enable us to have our own house. It's something my husband and I, and also our daughters, have wanted for a long time. At the moment we are living in my parents' house, for which I must say we are really grateful as they have always been an enormous help to us.



Delia Colmán

The Lord is faithful. He continues to strengthen me, to give me health and to restore my body. He gives me strength to be able to continue in the work I love in FEISA. Thank you very much for all those who prayed fervently that I might be healed. God hears our prayers!



Rossana

Thank you to all those who have been praying for Rossana. She continues to make progress daily. God really is answering prayer for her.

REASONS FOR PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

- ◆ For the First Year students' good experiences in different nurseries and for their successful workshops
- ◆ For Adriana leading the Toy Library team & for David Orritt and his Mission Paraguay's encouraging visit
- ◆ For good numbers at the In-service Training Days
- ◆ For a good team spirit amongst the administrative staff

PRAYER REQUESTS

- ◆ For the 3rd Year students' visit to the Chaco & for their final Practices in State Schools
- ◆ For continued good numbers in the final 3 In-service Training Days
- ◆ For the 2 new projects awaiting official approval
- ◆ For the work & personal needs of each member of staff:
 - ✚ Lourdes' mother
 - ✚ Ruth's thesis
 - ✚ Sylvia's new home situation & need of a car
 - ✚ Noemi & family's need of their own home
 - ✚ Eliane's sick friend Benjamin & her parents in Argentina
 - ✚ Baby Isaac's development & David's very sick father
 - ✚ The complete recovery of Delia & Rossana

*“Oh Lord, you are my God: I will exalt you and praise your name,
For in perfect faithfulness you have done marvelous things, things
planned long ago.” Isaiah 25: 1*

Lourdes.

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