

# Feisa

Training teachers,  
Transforming lives

Formación en Educación Inicial San Andrés



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*Dear friends of FEISA,*

I greet you with the peace of the Lord Jesus!

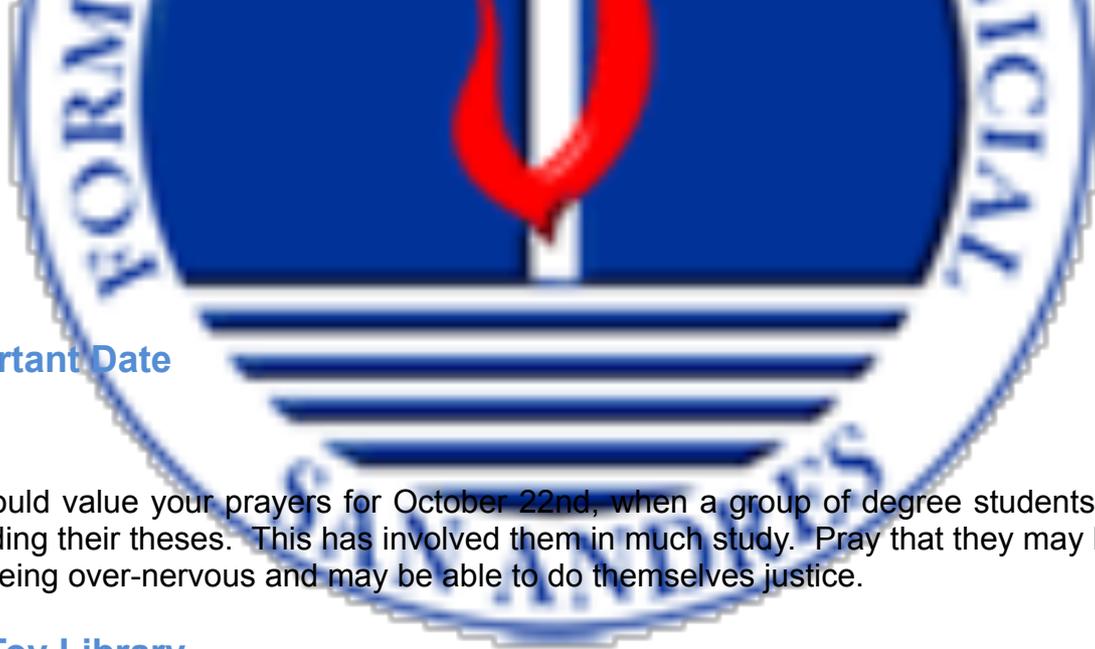
We want to share with you some news of our activities during this past month.

### **Academic activities**

In September, the First and Second Year students spent a week in which they caught up on all their academic reading, while the Third Year students were busy with their final, intensive Teaching Practices. For the Third Year students, this is a very important period and it can be quite stressful. Please pray that each one may receive all the help she needs to successfully prepare her for her future professional life as an Early Years teacher.



Please pray too for our First Year students and those in their Second Year. That they may all successfully complete their respective academic and practical courses.



## Important Date

We would value your prayers for October 22nd, when a group of degree students will be defending their theses. This has involved them in much study. Pray that they may be kept from being over-nervous and may be able to do themselves justice.

## The Toy Library

In September, we took the Toy Library for the first time to children living around the bay of Asuncion. Seventy children attended and they thoroughly enjoyed the story of Naaman the leper, Elisha, & the little Hebrew slave girl! Afterwards, they had a lovely time having fun in different play areas.



## Youth Day

On September 21st, the first day of spring, we celebrate Youth Day in Paraguay, and in FEISA we celebrated with an ice cream and a card containing a personal biblical promise for each student.

Springtime is very beautiful in Paraguay, and the towns and countryside are ablaze with lovely pink, lilac and yellow lapacho trees. It's also the time of wonderful fruit of all kinds. The weather can be quite changeable, though, and the week before September 21st, the temperatures soared to over 40 degrees Celsius and dropped to 18 degrees in one day! It's not easy to work with such changes and they do affect people's health.



## Problems facing our country

We would value your prayers for our government at the moment. There has been a lot of unrest amongst students attending the National University of Asuncion, who have been seeking the destitution of the Rector on charges of corruption. Pray that the authorities may have wisdom in handling the situation and that the students may be able to complete their courses and take their exams. Please pray, too, for our security forces who are having many problems in the north east of the country with the so called Paraguayan People's Army (EPP), a communist guerrilla movement whose members are violently invading property and attacking and kidnapping people. Over 50 people, including policemen, have been killed in the past 2 years.

## New Academic Courses

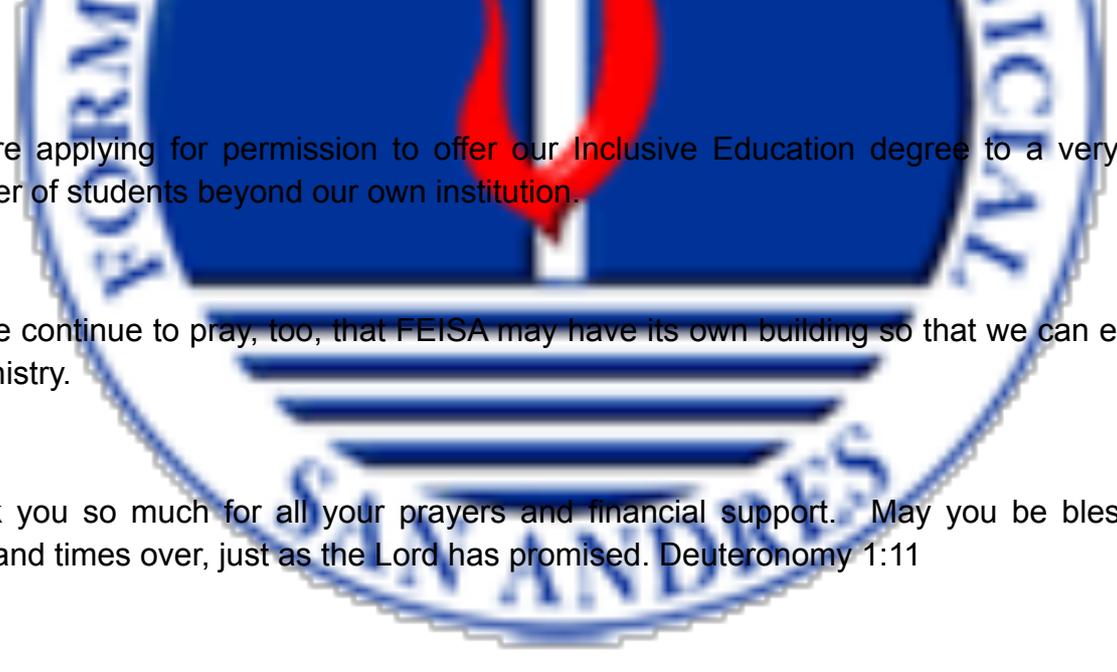
Third Level education in Paraguay is going through many changes at the moment and our graduates are being challenged to seek further training in different areas. For this reason, as an institution, we are working on various projects, preparing new courses which will amplify and enhance Early Years education. We want to offer degree courses in:

- The interaction of knowledge, emotions and movement;
- Inclusive Education, with a focus on learning difficulties;
- Stimulation in Early Childhood.

We would value prayer that these courses may be blessed by the Lord and approved by the Evangelical University and the Paraguayan Ministry of Education.

Could you pray too for our external accreditation? We are waiting for the visit from the Ministry of Education to evaluate our courses and documentation etc.

## Future Developments of FEISA



We are applying for permission to offer our Inclusive Education degree to a very large number of students beyond our own institution.

Please continue to pray, too, that FEISA may have its own building so that we can expand its ministry.

Thank you so much for all your prayers and financial support. May you be blessed a thousand times over, just as the Lord has promised. Deuteronomy 1:11

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## REASONS FOR PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

- ◆ Numbers of students completing their courses
- ◆ The children's enjoyment learning bible stories and being able to play with the Toy Library
- ◆ Happy celebrations with our students for Youth Day
- ◆ The opportunity to work on new degree courses

## PRAYER REQUESTS

- ◆ For successful final teaching practices for Third Year students
- ◆ For October 22nd when our degree students will be defending their theses.

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- ◆ That our new degree courses may be approved and truly enrich Paraguayan Early Years education and that we may be able to offer our Inclusive Education course to many other students
  - ◆ For a restoring of law & order throughout Paraguay
  - ◆ For our external accreditation
  - ◆ That FEISA may have its own independent building

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