

Training teachers, transforming lives.

March & April

Dear friends of FEISA,

A very Happy Easter to you all! We praise God for His immense love for each one of us.

ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

We started our academic activities in March and all the Diploma students are now busy with their normal classes.

The Degree students have started their second module of the year.

We have 26 First Year students enrolled, 27 Second Year students and 23 Third Year students. There are 20 Degree students in the 2 year course and we praise God for all of our students.

We remembered the death and Resurrection of Jesus in an Easter service, during which we took some moments to pray for our country. We are going through a very difficult time at the moment with an intense struggle between the people and our government. Each student wrote a prayer to God and we tied them to white balloons which we released into the sky, symbolising our prayers reaching up to heaven. The service was a great blessing, as much for us as for the students.

This weekend, on Friday and Saturday, we are holding our first FEISA two-day camp for all our students and all our staff. This is a great challenge as it's our first such event, but we're trusting God and very excited to be holding it! It's being held in Surubi, a place 14 kms (30 minutes distance) from Asuncion, in a

camp site belonging to St. Andrew's College. In our next letter, we'll tell you all about it and send you some photos!

TEACHING PRACTICES

Praise God the Third Year students have finished their practices in private schools and the First Year students all successfully completed their initial, vocational practices.

We would ask your special prayers for one of our Third Year students, Florencia, who is going through a very difficult time, both personally and in her family.



SCHOLARSHIPS

We're now able to confirm that the following First Year students have fulfilled all the necessary requirements to merit a half-scholarship.

- LUZ ARAMÍ FERNÁNDEZ.

Luz Arami has lived with her uncle and aunt and cousins since she was very small. Her aunt is her mother's sister but her mother lives in Spain. There is very little communication between them and Luz Arami has never known her father.

The family live in the town of *Aregua*, and her uncle & aunt have made themselves responsible for all Luz Arami's expenses, including 50% of her FEISA's fees, as she is without work at the moment. Her uncle is a chaplain & her aunt is a housewife. All the family are members of a Pentecostal Church, called The Family Centre of Adoration, and they have different ministries. They are very happy that FEISA is offering a half-scholarship to Luz Arami as they want to see her growing and developing as a person and as a professional.

- CAMILA AYELÉN RESQUÍN.

Camila lives in *Barrio Jara* with a lady who is a member of the Anglican Church. She came to live in *Asuncion* so that she could study here. There are various problems in her own family and she finds them difficult to cope with.

- ALICIA BEATRÍZ CÁCERES.

Alicia lives in *Villa Elisa* and she's working in a school called *Cerritos*. She lives in a very poor house with her parents and one brother. Her mother is a housewife and her father works as a chauffeur in a business. Her brother also works and they all help in the house. With the little she earns, Alicia pays for her studies. She loves her work and her great ambition is to become a professional teacher and to acquire all the knowledge she can during these years of study.

TOY LIBRARY

The Toy Library started functioning last month in *Remansito*. The team has been going there each year, taking the Word of God and different kinds of games so that the children can continue to learn through playing. We are so grateful to all those friends who help to make this ministry possible!



Lourdes Calderini (Director)

Dear friends we continue to pray for a new site for FEISA so that we can become independent and able to grow as an institution by preparing students for more careers and by reaching more people through our Christian worldview. Sadly, the project of acquiring a new building for FEISA in the Anglican Centre, which we mentioned last year, has come to nothing.



We are situated on the top floor of St. Andrew's College, and sharing a building with the College is proving very challenging as lately we feel more of a hindrance than a help. Please join us in praying that God will open new doors for us!

I do praise the Lord for FEISA's administrative team. We are small but very effective, thanks to God's guidance!

On a personal note, I am very happy about my eldest son who defended his thesis this month and obtained the highest qualification in Telecommunication Engineering. He is going to get married in October.

I am very grateful to all of you for your interest in us and in every detail of day to day life here in FEISA. May you be blessed!

Ruth Maidana (Academic Secretary)

With regards to scholarship students, we have 2 special cases. Two Second Year students, Fatima Herreera and Sofia Martinez, requested half scholarships at the end of last year. They are students who achieved very good marks throughout their First Year of studies. When we visited their homes, it was clear that they needed financial help to be able to continue with their studies as both families are needy, and both students expressed their delight in their career and their desire not to have to leave off studying.



Fatima is looking for work to cover the cost of her studies and meanwhile, her family are helping her to cover her fees.

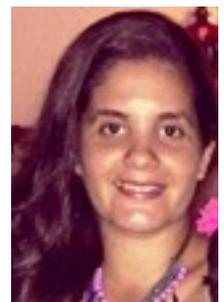
Sofia works as a teacher's assistant in the mornings in Life School. Eight people live in her small house, plus her 10 month old baby. Her father lost his job 2 months ago which has made things difficult as he was the only one in the house with a permanent job. This means that everyone is contributing whatever they can to the household costs.

Unfortunately, our FEISA budget doesn't allow us to offer any more half scholarships so the only way we could see of helping these two students was to exonerate them from paying the year's enrollment fee and to give them a discount on their monthly fees.

We do thank you for the financial help you send us for our scholarship students and we would be very grateful for your prayers for each one, as all of them are facing different, specific challenges.

Silvia Maidana (IT and Publicity)

We are very excited about the challenge of launching the FEISA camp and we're working very hard so that it will be a great blessing for the students and good publicity for the institution. We are also organizing a dinner for the Rector, the Sponsors and all the Deans of the Evangelical University of Paraguay here in FEISA on Monday April 24th. The Rector chose FEISA to organize this and we're pleased that the visitors will have the opportunity to get to know our institution and we can also get to know each other.



Please pray for God's guidance in all the activities of these weeks.

We continue to pray for more technological materials for our IT room and also for the classrooms so that we can offer a better service for our students.

On a personal note, I'm grateful to God that my family and I are in very good health. My daughter Agustina is a year and nine months old, almost 2! We are so blessed to have her. She's a gift from God.

I bless you in the name of the Lord and hold you in my prayers. With much love from Asuncion!

Eliana (Assistant secretary)

Our activities have been running smoothly during these last few weeks. We have started to hold a monthly meeting to continue developing and trying out new methods to improve our work. We have also reorganized the lay-out of the office so that we can offer better attention to both visitors & students. The change has been very positive. We continue to pray that our dream of having our own building will be fulfilled. Thank you so much for our interest in each one of us and for your generosity. Warm Greetings and hugs!



Patricia Chavez (Librarian)

Good afternoon. It's a pleasure to greet you from FEISA's library. We have started this new academic year with many blessings and new challenges, especially for me personally as I am expecting my first baby in July.

In the library, everything is going well. We're wanting to update our materials and so we've started to buy new books, one by one, and to acquire didactic materials and new story books as we are low on materials. We'd be very grateful for your prayers in this respect.

I thank God for every person who prays and who takes an interest in FEISA and I pray we may not tire of doing good.

Warm greetings and many blessings from here.



Noemi (Teaching Practices Coordinator)

Praise God, the First and Third Year teaching practices have gone well.

On a personal note, my family (Javier, Adriana ad Rebeca) and I are working from this month, supporting a Christian ministry in the city of *Capiata*. We are praying that God will guide our steps and fill us with His wisdom.

I would ask your prayers for the health of my little daughter Rebeca, who's 7 years old.



David Benitez (Administrator and Accountant)

A new year brings many challenges, both professional and personal, to continue growing and improving each day.

On a personal note, my wife and I are grateful that we have a second baby on the way. This is a miracle for our lives.

We'd ask your prayers for my mother-in-law who has to have a second operation because of an accident she's suffered. Her name is Cirila and she's the wife of Lorenzo who's recently retired from working in FEISA and St. Andrew's College.

We are so grateful for your prayers.



Delia (Caretaker and cleaner)

Good afternoon, dear friends. Here in FEISA I thank God we always face new challenges and a lot of work! I'm grateful to the Lord for the strength He gives me to be able to carry out my work and be a blessing to FEISA. God has perfect plans for the lives of each one of us. We must trust in Him and allow Him to direct our lives. I feel fit and know that strength



comes only from God. Thank you so much dear friends for praying for me! We love you dearly.

Tadeo (Receptionist and Driver)

We are very happy to be part of the Toy Library ministry, always hoping to reach more children with the word of God. We always serve with much love towards FEISA.

On a personal note, my family is well, always praying for the Lord's help.

Thank you, dear friends, for your affection towards us. I bless you for it!



Many blessings for you all as you pray blessing for us!

Lourdes

Reasons for praise and thanksgiving:

- A good number of new students
- A moving and significant Easter service
- The launch of a FEISA camp for all students and staff, Friday and Saturday, April 21 & 22nd
- An excellent administrative staff
- Successful teaching practices for all the First and Third Year students
- A good start to the Toy Library ministry in *Remansito*
- The outstanding degree qualification of Lourdes' eldest son
- The opportunity to host a dinner for the Rector, Deans and Sponsors of the Evangelical University of Paraguay on Monday April 24th

- Improvement in Delia's health

Prayer requests

- Lasting blessings from the FEISA camp
- Third Year student Florencia facing great personal and family difficulties
- The great need of a new building for FEISA, with problems of shared space
- Second Year students Fatima and Sofia facing financial difficulties
- The need of more technological materials for the IT room and classrooms
- The need to update the library's resources
- God's blessing on Noemi and her family's ministry in *Capiata*
- The health of Noemi's 7 year old daughter Rebeca
- The second operation on David's mother-in-law, Cirila
- Healthy pregnancies for Patricia and David's wife