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News from Paraguay

Autumn

Dear friends

It seems that Autumn has arrived as we have had some welcome low temperatures this last week. One morning we got up to 13°C which made a nice change. We have also put our clocks back which means it is once more still light when we get up!

School has been busy but we have been able to get down to a lot of work so far...except for today! School is closed for the day as there is a general strike. Many people feared it would be violent. Roads are also blocked off although their efforts don't appear to have been too effective! Anyway, with staff coming from far and wide we couldn't risk opening school with the majority of staff unable to get in. We were also concerned for the children's safety and know many parents wouldn't send their children anyway. Even so, we did have a number of complaints about closing. Many other schools also closed.



The lower secondary managed to get away for camp the other week. The 7th and 8th grades went to our sports ground and camped in tents...until the rain came. Mags reckons the rain came just at the right time as they had the children playing games that left them very muddy so the rain managed to wash a lot of it off before they went for a shower. It was a very good camp and Pastor Ronnie and one of the teachers, Ariel, spoke on Noah. Mags came back saying how well it had gone apart from the lack of sleep!! 9th grade went to camp and climbed a hill where they had to cook their own



food once on top. This involved a walk of 25kms altogether. Pastor Donald went there and again, spoke on the theme of Noah. That too was also a very good camp.



We were missing Munchie (the dog who died in November) and this week we welcomed the new arrival. Splash, came all the way from Uruguay, brought by friends coming from Argentina. He's now 6 months old and still finding his place in the family. I think he hoped to be the Alpha male but Viking has put paid to that!! He's very sweet and cuddly and loves water...hence his name!

