

**PRAYER CALENDAR - Iglesia Anglicana Paraguaya - August 2008**

*Philippians 4:4-7 "Rejoice....the Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer & petition with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God...will guard your hearts & minds in Christ Jesus."*

1. Although it's a holiday month in the UK, there is a lot happening in August in Paraguay. Pray for the team in **Concepcion – Bishop Andres & Estela; Claire Holmes & pastor Guillermo & Rosi** as they receive the "Love for Life" team from **Ireland**. For God's Holy Spirit to take control of the meetings with young people & adults in **Concepcion**, that each person may be challenged & informed about Christian lifestyle & sexual behaviour & respond to its message.
2. Give thanks for the tremendous success of the first **Mission Paraguay** volunteer group in **Luque & San Lorenzo**, in a building programme, children's clubs & in sewing workshops. Pray that the latter will continue well under the leadership of local women both in **Luque & San Lorenzo**. Pray for the next two groups as they arrive in **Paraguay** today to work in **Concepcion** & in **the Chaco**. For strength for **David Orritt** as he coordinates the groups.
3. Continue to pray for the nation of **Paraguay** as it adjusts to a totally new government after 60 years of the Colorado Party. For wisdom & discernment for **President Fernando Lugo** as he prepares for the official handover of power on **August 15<sup>th</sup>**, a national Bank Holiday celebrating the Founding of the city.
4. Pray for **Saul & Norma** as they care for the indigenous hostel & support the children's work in **Barrio Inmaculada** in **Concepcion** & for **Claire** & the team in all the preparations for the **Children's Day** activities this month. Pray especially for a good response to a new work amongst children due to start in **Concepcion**, near to Villa Alta.
5. Pray for the **pastors & church leaders** in **El Estribo** that the faithful preaching & teaching of God's Word may continue & extend throughout each village in this large indigenous community. For the preparations by **Samantha** & the team from **FEISA** for the first pre-school training sessions for teachers & mothers in the community on **8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> August**.
6. The Ministry of Education has brought forward exam dates, so that exam results now have to be submitted by the first days of September! Pray for peace & wisdom for **St. Andrew's School** staff & pupils as their work plans have to be altered. Continue to pray for urgent **staffing needs** next year in the **English Department** & for experienced teachers in maths & computing. For God to call out the right people & for their obedient response to his call.
7. Pray for the **St. Andrew's School Family Day** performances of "Samuel" by the Primary section tonight & tomorrow morning & for the **Family Day** sports & stands in their sports centre in **Surubii** on Saturday **9<sup>th</sup>**. For all the contacts with families & especially for Head **Gwen Carlisle** & Deputy Head **Mags Southern**

in their regular meetings with parent representatives. Pray too for the "Love for Life" team from **Ireland** as they visit young people & adults in **Asuncion**.

8. Give thanks for **Beryl Baker's** medical ministry in the **Chaco** & for a retired nurse's help alongside her at the moment. For the wise development of the state Health Clinic recently established in **Pozo Colorado**, that it may truly serve the medical needs of the indigenous & non indigenous **Chaco** people.
9. Give thanks & pray for a new initiative to start an **adolescents group** through the **San Andres** evening congregation. This is spear headed & led by older young people attending there, with pastor **Patrick & Rosie's** support. Pray also for all taking part in the service tomorrow evening, giving thanks for the steady growth in attendance.
10. Pray for pastors **Elvio & Teodoro** & the congregations in **Sombrero Piri**. For a good witness & evangelistic outreach within the different villages there. Pray for the bi-monthly teaching visits by **FEISA** students to encourage mothers in **Yatnata** to instruct & play with their preschool children.
11. Pray for **bishop Andres** in his overall leadership during the transition time in the diocese & for all the preparations for the arrival of the next **diocesan bishop**. Pray that sufficient funding may be found to support the bishop and his wife & for God's overruling over the timing of his arrival in **Paraguay**.
12. Continue to uphold the 25 **Mission Paraguay** volunteers in your prayers – some in the **Chaco** & others in **Concepcion** - & pray for **pastor Guillermo** as he accompanies them in evangelistic outreach in **Yvyppobo**, alongside the building of a multipurpose church there. For his wife **Rosi** & their children in **Concepcion**. Pray too for the **Children's Day** celebrations for Primary & Pre-school at **St. Andrew's** & the **Annexe Schools**.
13. Give thanks for the **Global Anglican Future Conference (GAFCON)** & for the **Jerusalem Declaration** which was published as the basis of their fellowship. The bishops present there represented about 75% of the Anglican Communion members. [www.gafcon.org](http://www.gafcon.org) Pray that the Anglican Church will continue to promote the truth & power of the gospel of salvation in Jesus Christ. Pray for the Anglican Mainstream team in Oxford as they promote, teach & maintain biblical truth [www.anglican-mainstream.net](http://www.anglican-mainstream.net)
14. In point 2 of the **Jerusalem Declaration**, the authority of Scripture, & the ongoing translation of it, is upheld. Pray for **Tim Curtis, Martin, Asuncion & Juan** as they continue their work to translate the Old Testament into the **Enxet** language. For strength & perseverance & great joy in their ministry. For God's hand on all who live & work in the **Anglican Centre** in **Rio Verde**.
15. Pray for **President Fernando Lugo** & a peaceful handover of power in Paraguay today. Pray for a new beginning for the nation politically with a desire to use well the resources of the country for the benefit of all the people.

16. Give thanks for **pastor Ed & Mari Brice's** ministry. Pray for them as they depart today to begin home ministry leave & visit the family. Pray for the congregation in **Rio Verde** in their absence & for the good working out of the teaching programme amongst church leaders in the indigenous communities.
17. Pray for **pastor Luis & Regina** in **Zeballos Cue**, giving thanks for the weekly meetings for prayer & the youth & women's groups. Pray for the church council members & the leaders of the **PEPE** preschool. For the Sunday school & the weekly "**comedor**" feeding programme for underprivileged children.
18. Give thanks for answered prayer in that the Agreement between the **Esperanza Foster Home** & the Ministry for Children has been signed & will last for the next 2 years. Also that 2 of the little ones, Jose & Gabriel, have been declared adoptable. Pray for a smooth transition to their future home. For **Juana** & her team of careers & for each child at present resident in **Esperanza Home**.
19. The 3<sup>rd</sup> year students at **FEISA** are on teaching practice during August. Pray for a positive learning experience & good relations with staff & pupils. Pray for the health of the Dean, **Sra. Estela** & all the staff, teaching & administrative. Pray too for the mobile play sessions (**Ludoteca**) in underprivileged areas that God's love may be clearly shown to the children & impact their lives.
20. The **St. Andrew's** English speaking church is inevitably a transient congregation but one that God clearly uses to challenge & encourage people living away from their home country. Pray for its ongoing ministry, for pastor **Patrick & Rosie** & for more help with the work amongst children in the **Sunday school**. Pray too for **Murray & Penny** & the family as they prepare to depart from Paraguay at the end of the year & take on the demanding documentation process. For God's peace & strength as they face many changes.
21. Pray for God's guidance for **Sharon McCreerie** as she re-contacts Teen Challenge over the use of a property for **drug rehabilitation in Asuncion**. Give thanks that the reconstruction of the house is now completed. Pray for a speedy accreditation by the Municipality & by the Centre for drug control. Pray for those whom God has released from the power of drugs that he may use them to minister to many who are still trapped in its use.
22. Pray for **Claire & Norma** as they continue to take Bible classes in two schools in **Concepcion** & give thanks for this wonderful opportunity. Recently 2 children were murdered in Concepcion & this has greatly impacted the city community. Pray for an openness to hear & receive God's word at this time.
23. **FEISA** has produced materials to teach the creation story to **Enxet** children in their own language. Pray for the discussion with the **Bible Society** as they look at possibilities of publishing & financing projects to teach the Bible effectively in an oral culture. Give thanks for **Tim Curtis'** many years in translation ministry which have so greatly influenced the change of attitude in the Ministry of Education towards the **Enxet** language.
24. Pray for wisdom & discernment for **Patrick & Rosie Butler** that they may know how to guide younger leaders who want to study theology. Give thanks for the weekly times of Bible Study & preparation for the Sunday services & pray for each of these young people in the decisions that lie ahead. Pray for **Raquel Greco** who completes her studies in Chile this year.
25. Give thanks for the ministry in **Makxawaya** & for the perseverance & hard work of **pastor Juan & deacon Romualdo** together with lay leaders. Pray for the discipleship & ongoing spiritual growth of the young people who are attending the church & give thanks for the continued witness of the gospel in this community despite times of great difficulty.
26. Give thanks for the wonderful input this year by **Mission Paraguay** volunteers. Pray for coordinator **David Orritt** as he leaves **Paraguay** today. For safe travel & renewed strength after weeks of great effort. Pray for each volunteer as they reflect on their experiences & listen to God's guidance for the future.
27. Pray for **pastor Cefe, Ana** & the lay leaders in **Roque Alonso** & the annexe churches in **Remansito & Mirador**. For vision & unity as they evangelize the area around the churches & also reach out to **Limpio & Emboscada**. For the extensive ministry amongst children in the different areas.
28. Pray for the staff & pupils of the **Annexe School** in Asuncion. For **Head Victor Santa Cruz** & for growing links with the **San Andres** morning congregation. Pray for vision & strength for **pastor Agustin, Teresa** & the lay leaders & for the ministry amongst underprivileged children..
29. Pray for wisdom for the **Trustees** of the **SAMS** at this challenging time & for strength & vision for all the members of staff. Pray that God will supply the financial needs & guide over its future development. For the **General Council** meeting on September 3<sup>rd</sup> in London.
30. Pray for perseverance & strength for the Mission Partners teaching at **St. Andrew's & the Annexe School** – **Gwen Carlisle, Mags Southern, Murray Metcalfe, Babs Owen, Linn Tedman, Elaine Black & Sharon McCreerie**. Give thanks for their Christian witness & pray for their spiritual wellbeing.
31. Pray for the clear & bold proclamation of God's word at all services today in **Asuncion, Concepcion** & the **Chaco** communities.