

PRAYER CALENDAR - Iglesia Anglicana Paraguaya - January 2008

John 13:5,12,15 - Jesus began to wash his disciples' feet.... "Do you understand what I have done for you?....I have set you an example, that you should do as I have done for you".

As **January** is the holiday month in **Paraguay** please concentrate prayer on the different church leaders as they take some rest, and on their local congregations throughout the diocese, naming both **Paraguayan leaders** and **Mission Partners**.

1. For **pastor Juan Sosa, Rosa** & their family in **Makxawaya**, where the Anglican evangelistic outreach began in the Paraguayan **Chaco** over a 100 years ago. They are supported by **deacon Romualdo Rojas** & his family together with the church council members. **Anita Severo** is one of the oldest church members in the village & long term member of the congregation. **Juan Arce & Joaquin Martinez** lead the young people there.
2. For **pastor Tony & Chris Somervell** & their family during their present Home Ministry leave in the UK & for the congregation in **Villa Guarani** in the **Somervell's** absence. For **Coto & Susan Martinez** & their family & the other church leaders.
3. For **pastor Teodoro Campestequi, Severiana** & their family in the **Chaco** church in **Palo Blanco**. For those contacted in the village through recent evangelistic visiting. For more sources of income in the community so that pastoral assistants can remain there & not have to travel to neighbouring ranches in order to support their families.
4. For the main congregation (San Juan) in **Roque Alonso** & for **pastor Cefe, Ana** & the lay leaders. For good response from families contacted during recent outreach & for the building up of a house group there. For wisdom over outreach towards neighbouring towns, **Limpio & Emboscada**. For **Alberto & Ester Romero** & their family as they participate in the **Roque Alonso** congregation & for wisdom as they continue the restoration process.
5. For **Tim Curtis**, recently arrived in the UK for Home Ministry leave, & for the Bible translators - **Asuncion Rojas, Juan Martinez, Martin Rojas** & their families in the Anglican Centre in **Rio Verde, Chaco** continuing the work of translating the **Old Testament** into the **Enxet** language in **Tim's** absence. Give thanks for the recent installation of electricity to the area which makes it possible to continue the translation work during the extremely hot summer period. Pray for good rest & relaxation for **Tim** & for strength & safety in his church visits in the UK.
6. For the congregations in **Mirador & Remansito** planted through the **Roque Alonso** church outreach. For the lay leaders & their training. Give thanks for the ministry amongst children in both places & for the "comedor" now functioning in **Remansito**, a very needy area near to the bridge over the River Paraguay leading to the Chaco & to the Argentine frontier.
7. Today starts the **SAMS** staff retreat at Dalesdown, Sussex. Pray for all the **Home staff & Mission Partners** taking part, that it may be a time of quiet in which to receive blessing from the Lord.
8. For a good time of rest for **Bishop Andres & Estela** during the holiday season and also for their family. **Saul & Norma** who oversee the indigenous hostel in **Concepcion; Mirian & Javier** as they have a break from the young people's work in the church; **Jorge & Ana; Dany** & the youngest daughter **Sara**. Give thanks for the start of a fund to purchase a better second-hand vehicle for **Bp. Andres**. Pray that God will provide for our needs at the right time.
9. For the **lay leaders** in **Tacuati, Yvapobo & San Juan** annexe congregations outside Concepcion & for pastor **Guillermo** in his regular visits to them. For his wife **Rosi** & their delightful family – **Abraham, Dany, Jeremias, Norma, Ester & Evelyn**. For good relaxation during the school holidays.
10. Pray for wisdom over the development of the **EMA** ministry For the leadership team: **Tony & Chris Somervell, Juan Carlos & Silvia Caceres & Miguel & Mirian Greco**.
11. Continue to pray for grace & strength for the Home staff **at SAMS GB** in times of change & new initiatives. Also for God's wisdom & guidance for each of the **Trustees & General Council** members. For all supporting churches throughout the UK & Ireland & for wisdom over deepening & extending support.
12. Pray for the **St. Andrew's** congregation in the centre of **Asuncion**, giving thanks for more people attending. For plans for another **Alpha course** this year & for those who have already participated. For **pastor Patrick & Rosie, Murray & Penny Metcalfe**.
13. Pray for the staff & pupils of **St. Andrew's School** during their holiday break. For covering of staffing needs for **2008** & for good health for present staff members. Remember Head, **Gwen Carlisle**, Deputy Head, **Mags Southern, Murray Metcalfe, Linn Tedman, Babs Owen, Elaine Black-** (**SAMS GB**) **Elaine Hutchison(Ireland)**.
14. Pray for the Chaco community of **Yatnata**. For **pastor Elvio Cabanas, Lorenza** & family. For guidance over further studies for **Elvio** during **2008** & for his pastoral assistants & church council members. For wisdom for both church & community leaders in their response to political pressures, especially during these months leading up to the **Presidential Elections**.
15. For the **Diocesan office** staff, especially with any contact with **indigenous patients** at a time when many people are away. For their physical safety & spiritual wellbeing.

16. Give thanks for successful surgery for little **Romina** in **Concepcion** & pray for her ongoing treatment & further surgery. For **Claire Holmes** who heads up the children's ministry & training & for the team who work with her.
17. Pray for **Beryl Baker** & her long term ministry to the indigenous **Chaco** people. For God's protection & physical strength, both in the clinic & in travel. For the **health auxiliaries** in the different communities.
18. Give thanks that **Bp. John & Judie** have very good temporary accommodation in the UK near to their immediate family. Pray for them as they adapt to a new culture & seek God's will for the next stage of their life. For their visits to supporting churches in **England & Ireland** beginning this month.
19. For the extensive & more isolated community of **La Patria, Chaco**. For **pastor Robert**, deacons **Agripino, Niño Pepe & Mario** & the many **pastoral assistants & church council leaders**. For their ongoing theological training. For the **young people** & wisdom over identifying & training future leaders.
20. After a year of severe drought in the **Chaco**, pray for an adequate rainfall during **2008**. For the women who sell **handcrafts** in order to support their families. For **Chris & Alison Hawksbee** & their family as **Chris** encourages the indigenous communities in the use of their land. For the project to make adobe bricks in **El Estribo** preparing for the winter (July) & the visits of volunteers.
21. Pray for the administrative & maintenance staff at **St. Andrew's School**. For School administrator **Mirian de Greco** & Head of maintenance **Alberto Cabanas**, giving thanks for the clear Christian witness they give to pupils & parents. For all the work that is being done during the school holiday period.
22. For **San Andres** congregation in the centre of **Asuncion**. For vision & creativity for **pastor Agustin & Teresa Maidana** as they continue to minister in an area which is changing sociologically. For vision & perseverance in the development of links with the **Annexe School** & the parents' commission there.
23. Give thanks for the **Annexe School** & pray for **Victor Santa Cruz** & his staff, including **Sharon McCreerie (SAMS USA)**. For the many pupils who have committed their lives to Christ during their school years. For all Christian witness in the shanty **Chacarita** area which is an increasingly dangerous part of the city near to the river Paraguay & the city centre.
24. Pray for **pastor Ed Brice, Doña Bety, Sra. Zuny** & the congregation in **Rio Verde**. Give thanks for **Ed & Mari**'s many years of service in Paraguay. Pray for strength & discernment as they visit & minister in the **Chaco** villages. Ed heads up the in service theological training, both in local communities & through Bible study weeks in the **Anglican Centre** in Rio Verde. **Mari** is increasingly involved in producing Christian reading material for children. For their family.
25. Give thanks for the creativity & joy expressed in the **San Andres** evening service at Christmas & for the growing number of young people attending. Pray that they may be deepened in their commitment to Christ & his church. Pray for **Patrick & Rosie** & their family, & for the younger leaders – **Donald, Norman, Karenina** & the musicians.
26. Pray for the congregations in the indigenous community of **El Estribo**. For pastors **Lucio & Mario** & the many pastoral assistants. For wisdom over the appointment of future deacons. Continue to pray for **Remigio & Susana** as they continue their restoration process & for **Remigio**'s translation work for the diocese. For sufficient income to maintain the family without being away from the community.
27. Give thanks for the **Zeballos Cue** congregation. Pray for **pastor Luis & Regina** & for the **lay leaders** alongside them, which include **Paolo Centurion, Gloria Maldonado & Ramon**. For the team of people running the children's feeding programme (**comedor**). For those leading the **PEPE** pre-school & for the Sunday School teachers. For the church council members & other involved in maintenance & finance.
28. Pray for **David Orritt** as he organizes visits by volunteers to the diocese this year. For all the travel arrangements & fund raising activities. Pray that **Mission Paraguay** will continue to bring blessing in Paraguay - in children's ministry, in providing buildings needed in different parts of the diocese & in the encouragement & support of Christians in difficult circumstances.
29. Continue to pray for **Bp. Andres** & the **Nominating Committee** as they seek the next **Diocesan bishop**. Give thanks for the unity they have experienced so far & pray for wisdom as they continue the process. For openness & an obedient response by the person of God's choice.
30. Give thanks for the staff of **Esperanza Foster Home**. Pray for **Juana** & the team & for **Murray & Penny Metcalfe**, as they oversee the work. Pray too for the **Minister** & her staff in charge of the **Adoption Centre**, & for those little ones who will shortly be cared for at **Esperanza**.
31. For the congregation in **Luque** as they prepare to restart their church programme. For **pastor Jorge, Rebeca** & family, & **Teodosio & Lidia Rivas** as they accompany them. For the team heading up the children's & youth ministry in **San Lorenzo**. For pastor **Jorge**'s involvement in inter church activities.