



## FEISA Teacher Training College Asunción, Paraguay

### Praise & Prayer June 2009

In May we asked you to pray for the setting up of the play space in Quyquyho, following a training session for the leaders of the children's ministry in April. We are very pleased to report that the first sessions went very well indeed. Sam Parsons was there to help the team set it up the first week of May and she writes; "On the Saturday Osvaldo invited all the mums and children from 0-7 years from the village to see the play scheme and learn about the ministry they are opening to them. One mum said that Quyquyho had never had anything like this before and that it was a real privilege for their children. Then all 37 children were invited to play and had the most wonderful time. The 4 helpers were absolutely fantastic and played brilliantly with the children. What a great and committed team they have." **Praise God for the way he is extending the ministry of FEISA's play scheme to bless other ministries in Paraguay.**



**The two workshops run by FEISA teachers at the ACSI conference were a great success.** A total of 180 Christian teachers participated and Ana Demestri has been asked to take her workshop to the ACSI conference in Ciudad del Este, as well as a number of schools in Asunción. **Praise the Lord for these opportunities to help improve the standard of education across the country.**

From 8<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> June, Anglican pastors in the Chaco will have training on how to use the FEISA-produced Bible materials in Enxet for children. The final part of the adult and child literacy materials will be translated during the same week. **Pray for Esteban, from FEISA, and Remigio, from the Chaco, as they carry out the training work together, and Remigio as he works on the translation.**

The Ministry of Education decided on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June to move the dates of the July holidays forward by one week. This has caused significant disruption to the timetable at FEISA, due to exams and teaching practices taking place in the last two weeks of term.

The first and third years have exams from 22<sup>nd</sup> June to 3<sup>rd</sup> July. For the third year students, these are their final exams because after the July holidays, they will be on teaching practice for the whole of the second semester, until they finish in November.

The second years start planning for their teaching practice on 8<sup>th</sup> June and will be teaching from 22<sup>nd</sup> June to 3<sup>rd</sup> July. **Please pray for peace and wisdom as things need to be reorganized, particularly for the second year students who will now have very little time to spend with the children before they have to teach them.**

**Pray for strength, guidance and grace for Ana Demestri,** head of Teaching Practices, who has to organise the second years' teaching practice without the help of her assistant, Noemí, who is on maternity leave. **Praise the Lord for the safe arrival of Rebeca, Noemí's second daughter, on 29<sup>th</sup> May.**

Our vision of offering high quality Christian teacher training at an affordable cost means our dependence on outside funding is too heavy for our small institution to sustain long term. **Please pray for much wisdom, peace and grace as the leadership and the Anglican Church, which is the governing authority of FEISA, steer it through some very difficult decisions.**

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