

Mission Paraguay Summer Plans

This summer two groups of volunteers from churches in the UK and Ireland will visit Paraguay to work with the Anglican church in different areas of the country. Four members of Annaghmore Parish will be working with mission partner Chris Hawksbee on a variety of building projects in La Patria in the Chaco while others from Portstewart and Lisburn will be visiting Asunción and Concepción where they will work alongside Claire Holmes.

Projects being funded this year

Through the generous financial support of churches, individual donors and other organisations to whom we are most grateful. The following projects are amongst those which will be assisted, supporting the general ministry of the Anglican Church and, as in past years, to give specific funding for work with children and young people.

This includes:

- Helping with travel costs to the Chaco for clergy and lay workers to support Indian communities; at La Patria in the Chaco.
- Funding the construction of brick walls to a school for Indian children which meets under a metal roof.
- Replacing the timber walls of a church with brickwork.
- Constructing a 21,000 litre underground rainwater storage tank as there is no piped water supply in the Chaco which suffers from annual periods of severe drought.
- Manufacture and supply of toilet cabins for Indian families with no facilities.
- As in past years Mission Paraguay will work with Chris Hawksbee to provide new homes and improvements to existing homes for Indian families, which includes promoting the manufacture of bricks within communities.
- Funding the mobile toy library which visits communities in the Asunción area to provide children with no toys the opportunity to learn through play.
- Completion of the building begun last year for outreach and children's work at Ramonita in Concepción.
- Over recent years a number of church members have been assisting to improve the homes of some of the poorest families in their communities, so we plan to continue to assist in this work by supplying building materials.
- Continuing to support the sewing workshops which encourage women in poorer communities to become more self sufficient.
- Supplying and distributing spectacles to people who cannot afford to visit an optician, over 1,000 pairs were supplied in 2014.

Mission Paraguay is about sharing the love of Jesus and changing lives, in both the communities which we visit but also of the members of the visiting groups.

Your ongoing prayers are greatly valued.

David Orritt

