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Dear praying friends,

I'm writing to you again from Northern Ireland to bring you up to date with events in FEISA and details of Ana Demestri's planned visit to the UK in January.

November and December (the end of the academic year in the southern hemisphere) are months of extreme pressure in the Paraguayan educational world! The weather is often suffocatingly hot and it's also an intense period of end of year exams, official documentation, graduation ceremonies and a Thanksgiving Service. Looking ahead to the new academic year starting in February/March, it's also a time of appointing new staff, working on budgets and planning for any necessary refurbishment of equipment and buildings.

Please pray for Ana as she faces these challenges. Her administrative team is small and she has had the very sad task of dismissing a long-term, core member of the team for misconduct. In addition to all this, she is of course preparing for her visit to the UK. Could you pray that she'll be able to enjoy a wonderful break and real rest with her family over Christmas and the New Year!

Details for her trip have now been finalized and I'm printing them here so that you can support her with your prayers.

She'll be leaving Asuncion on **January 13th** and arriving on the **14th** in Manchester, where I shall meet her. We'll then take a train to **York** where we'll be staying with Pat Chapman (tel. 01904 791445) from **Wed. January 14th to Monday 19th**.

In York, besides acclimatising & enjoying the beautiful city, Ana will be sharing about her work and vision with a small but dedicated South American Prayer group, over lunch on **Saturday 17th**. She'll also have an opportunity to attend a service at St. Peter in the Belfry Church.

From York, we plan to travel to **Oundle** near Peterborough, where we'll be staying from **Monday 19th to Monday 26th**. The contact person is Ann Varley (tel. 01832 272105).

In Oundle, Ana will be sharing with a home group on **Monday 19th**. She will also have the opportunity to visit various educational institutions and to make some interesting visits to Peterborough, to London and possibly to Cambridge. **On Sunday 25th**, she will be sharing in the morning service at St. Peter's Church and meeting folk over a shared lunch.

On **Monday 26th**, we'll fly over to **Northern Ireland** and be based here in Rostrevor with Molly Cooper and myself (tel. 028 41737658) until she leaves for Asuncion on **February 3rd**.

In Rostrevor, Ana will be sharing at a Senior Citizens' Luncheon Club on **Tuesday 27th** and at a meeting in Kilbroney Parish Church on **Thursday 29th**. On **Friday 30th**, we shall be attending the annual SAMS UK and Ireland meeting, "Friday Night Live". This is a very well-supported, challenging evening, with mission partners, interns from S. America, short-term volunteers, and supporters from all over the island. It promises to be one of the highlights of her whole trip. She will leave for Paraguay on February 3rd, travelling via Dublin and Manchester, Heathrow and San Paulo, and arrive home on February 4th.

She'd be most grateful for your prayers for all the arrangements to be made her end before the visit: for her family who'll be left behind, especially her youngest daughter, 6 year old Samantha; her English lessons; preparation of visual materials to present in different places, and for good, safe flights. She has never been to Europe before nor undertaken such a long journey.

Please pray, too, for all the arrangements in the UK: for her hosts; for good weather (she'll be leaving a sweltering, hot Asuncion and possibly meeting snow and ice for the first time in her life!); for good health & strength; for safe travelling and visits, and for many good contacts with interested people. May the Lord be truly glorified as she shares her vision of what God is doing through teacher training in Paraguay, and may many more people be inspired to support this ministry with their prayers, their interest & their giving.

If you happen to live anywhere near York, Oundle or Rostrevor, she'd love to meet you!

Very warm Christmas greetings and many thanks for all your support. I'm delighted to say that it looks as though all Ana's costs have been most generously covered!

Eileen Murphy