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Dear friends of FEISA,

A very warm thank you to all of you who prayed for Ana Maria's visit to the UK, to all who hosted us, feasted us, attended her meetings and who contributed generously both to the costs of her visit and towards the ministry of FEISA.

It has been a very special 3 weeks and Ana has been a blessing wherever she has gone. Her English is very good and she adapted to the sometimes bitterly cold weather, our food & our British & Irish idiosyncrasies with apparent ease! She seemed to be tireless as she was whisked from one meeting to another or taken to see some place of historical or touristic interest.

York was a wonderful place to start her visit. We stayed with a former SAMS partner, Pat Chapman, where the conversation was all in Spanish until we heard her speaking very good English at a meeting of a group of staunch South American prayer supporters. She showed them the interesting DVD she'd brought with her about life in Paraguay & FEISA's ministry, and answered many questions.

She was fascinated by the beautiful Minster, the Yorvik Centre and the excellent second hand clothes & toy shops. (She has 4 children). We visited the lovely, inspiring House of Prayer in what was St. Cuthbert's Parish Church and she was introduced and questioned in the lively evening service at St. Michael in the Belfry Church.

We then went on to Oundle, to an event-packed week. Oundle is a beautiful old town that seems to be a real educational centre, and it has a lovely ancient church, St. Peter's, that's been very well modernised inside. St Peter's is one of the churches that has supported FEISA since it started, and Ana stayed with David & Ann Varley, while I stayed with Rev. John & Joyce Tompkins. FEISA owes a lot to the prayers and support of the Tompkins and of Ann Varley, an Early Years tutor, who's been fantastic at fund-raising, and also to the response of the whole church over many years. It was so encouraging to meet with praying, interested people.

We visited 2 excellent schools, one a preschool, where all the staff except one new one had been trained by Ann Varley, & the other, a very impressive first school where we were shown round by 2 delightful 8 year olds! They were obviously so proud of their school & they took us into every class & explained all that was going on. The school's atmosphere was very happy & industrious. We loved it.

Ana gave excellent presentations at several meetings, and we were invited out for various meals including tea with the Bishop of Peterborough, after looking round the really interesting Cathedral. A highlight was a day in London, where we took a tour & broke it in the middle to visit the House of Lords. We were warmly welcomed by Lord & Lady Mawhinney (members of St. Peter's Church) and shown round the wonderful building and into the House of Commons, though not into the debating chamber there. We then had a delicious meal in the House of Lords' dining room & afterwards slipped into the public gallery to listen to part of an interesting debate on police treatment of autistic criminals.

Our final port of call was Rostrevor, Northern Ireland, where Molly Cooper & I live. Ana showed her DVD, first to the local Senior Citizens' Luncheon Club, where she was asked many interesting questions. She also gave presentations to the Ladies Guild (plus interested gentlemen!) in the Kilbroney Church of Ireland Parish Room, and on her last evening, to folk at the "Open Harbour" evening at the Rostrevor YWAM Centre.

Highlights of her visit to Ireland were a day visit to Dublin, a drive through the Mourne's to the seaside town of Newcastle, and, on a different level, the challenging, lively SAMS UK and Ireland annual "Friday Night Live" event, where she showed a short DVD & was interviewed. This was followed the next morning by a special Irish breakfast (her first?) for people with links to South America, especially Paraguay.

We were delighted that Colin Voutt with his wife Heather came over to Ireland to attend Ana's presentation at Kilbroney Church & also the "Friday Night Live" event. As you'll realize, Colin is the person who handles the FEISA Lloyd Bank Account and also sends out the FEISA Prayer Letters. Ana was very moved by the Voutts' obvious enthusiasm and detailed, specific prayer support. She was also especially blessed by the prayers and prophetic words of encouragement she received at a beautiful Service of Healing in Kilbroney Parish Church, and also after her presentation to YWAM. She set off for Dublin airport on her long journey home at 6 am on February 3rd.

Could you continue to pray for Ana as she settles back into Paraguay, another world!

For re-adjustment and good family times

For time for reflection on all she has experienced during the past 3 weeks

Especially for the many challenges that await her in this new academic year

- A new accountant and a new Academic Co-coordinator to orientate
- 3 pregnant members amongst her small admin. staff to be cared for and temporarily replaced
- Delia, her faithful cleaner, recovering after an operation for cancer
- A Paraguayan Ministry of Education Accreditation involving intensive documentation of all aspects of FEISA's work
- Details for the year's budget to be finalized – pray for the right people & the right number of new student inscriptions

Pray for good health, unity of vision & fellowship amongst all the staff, and for wisdom in all decisions Ana has to take.

Thank you all so much again for your partnership in FEISA's mission.

Many blessings throughout 2015 for you all.

Eileen.