

Hello Everyone

Latest News on Beryl.

I contacted Beryl text message and she is back at the ranch and she says car running better I hope that means the starting problem has been solved She hopes to be working at La Patria tomorrow.

La Patria is the group of communities for local people.

These are my notes from my visit last year

People come with all sorts of illnesses such as scabies, infections, toothache and pains, and are given medicines. The babies are usually weighed, contraception is provided and people can buy medicines.

There is no health provision in this area or shops. Traders call but couldn't get through the floods till the water had subsided, bridges rebuilt over rivers, and the road had dried enough for travelling along.

There are two teams.

The cars met up outside the 1st place we were going to. We're waiting for two more cars, will pray and then get to the villages.

Beryl and the vet plus nurses and volunteers were in our team, the retired Dr Trudy plus nurses and volunteers were in the 2nd team and drove to another village.

Beryl and Monica saw maybe 50 or more children and adults. They ran out of some medicines.

We finished about 12.30. Phew!

Then it was the bumpy ride back, this time with Trudy in the car so that she and Beryl could catch up with news.

Beryl rang me yesterday to bring me up to date with the news she sent in an email on Sunday

Cirilo's daughter in law is now in hospital and responding to treatment.

Beryl does need prayer as she is very isolated and the church office is closed until the end of February. She told me her debit card runs out at the end of the month. She cannot ring her bank unless she can speak to them on a land line; for security reasons they will not accept calls on an iPhone for bank business. There has been no post from the UK to Paraguay since March last year.

I suggested to Beryl that she contact the British Embassy to see if they could help by contacting the bank and the new card could be sent out in the diplomatic bag. I am not sure if this allowed but at least Beryl could get some help from our government representative.

I do not think we realise just how cut off from the news that we take for granted here. She cannot attend the services at St Andrews church because the church has decided for reasons of safety that the over 70's should not attend I have explained to Beryl that many of our churches are closed altogether.

When she returns to the Chaco Beryl has the key for the church in Rio Verde and she will have to decide about holding the services; I did suggest they could be held outside in dry weather

I have to sadly report tht Rosalva died. She obviouly had something very malignant.No autopsy was done and it was a battle to get her body back to Estribo but by God,s grace all the obstacles were removed and Cirilo travelled in the ambulance with her body. I had a lovely time with Rhett and Mari and do ask for ongoing prayer for them both. Mari,s small kidney stones are being expelled and that is very very painful Rhett is doing much better providing he keeps to his diet. Hopefully communication will now improve as again they have changed their telephone number
In haste. Love and prayers.
Today,s Bible reading is from Isaiah 53 and Psalm 22 and for lack of time just one verse 28; The Lord is king and he rules the nations