

## News from Paraguay refriends, august 2011

Dear friends.

Greetings from a cold, wet Paraguay. The weather has been very English today with grey skies and drizzle all day long. I planted some plants this afternoon and was soaked by the time I'd finished.

## Prayer topics for August:-

- 1. 9th grade Survival Camp 8 10th- pray for safety as they climb the hill and cook their lunch up there. Pray especially for the spiritual side as it is a very special time for them and Marysol and Orfa have been busy preparing.
- 2. Children's day is August 15th and there will be celebrations, for the Infants and Primary.
- 3. Give thanks for the July holidays and better weather so the holidays weren't extended.
- 4. Thanks too, for the new teacher and his family, Matthew and Kim Hickmott, Ben and Sam who joined us for the new term. Give thanks for them settling so well so far and especially for the children who are settling into school and enjoying it.
- 5. Pray for 10 new pupils who join us this term. Two of those are returning after time spent in other countries and one is a boy wanting to spend his English summer holidays with us as his mum is Paraguayan and his dad English.
- 6. Pray for exams starting again in mid August for the 6 to 15 yr olds. It is the end of the second term for them and some need to do well to improve their first term results. Pray for those who struggle academically that they might do their best.
- 7. We have a pupil who has special needs and has now reached the First form (aged
- 16). We are trying to work with the Ministry of Education to produce a scheme of work for her. We want to do things correctly and help Vanessa properly. The whole idea of inclusion is new and we are a pilot scheme.
- 8. Pray for sufficient English staff for next year, for more teachers and helpers. We would like to do more subjects in English which means we need more teachers.
- 9. When we went to the Chaco the First form were asked by a school teacher there to help them buy uniform for the schools' Bicentenary march. The class agreed to help and on Friday they brought the full amount - nearly two hundred pounds which they had raised. Praise the Lord for their efforts.

Many thanks for all your prayers.

God Bless and love from

Gwen and Mags xxx



