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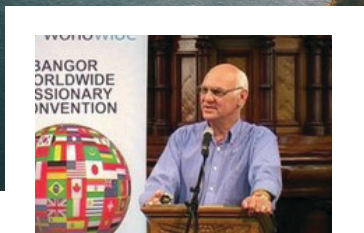
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— What a Leader —

a message from the SAMS Mission Director



"Hands down, the single most impressive leader in the history of the world is Jesus of Nazareth....

- No leader has ever cast a more expansive or breathtaking vision-nothing less than the redemption of the planet
- No leader ever built a higher impact team in a shorter period of time with less talent to work with
- No leader ever instilled deeper values or inspired people more than

Jesus Christ-in many cases enough for them to die for the cause

- Certainly no leader has ever changed the course of human history the way Jesus did...and is still doing, more than 200 years later."

These are stirring words from the famous Christian leader Bill Hybels... and he is right! Jesus Christ is the greatest leader the world has ever seen. His leadership is so so different to the high octane celebrity status of some today. He is a humble self

effacing leader. He is a servant hearted leader. His leadership is a leadership of a different unique and prophetic kind.

He draws people to Himself but is never proud. He helps but never does it for show. He cares but never out of self interest. He loves the individual but he trained a team. He died for the lost and the lonely. His church is a new community of forgiven hope-filled transformed people that is a world-wide family. We are so privileged to be partners with His church in South America. One of our top priorities is to grow and develop leaders who love Christ, are passionate for His Kingdom and who will model their lives and leadership on Him. Christ-like leaders develop Christ-like character, live in Christ-like ways, and do Christ-like things! St. Paul writes,

“Think of yourselves the way Christ Jesus thought of himself. He had equal status with God but didn’t think so much of himself that he had to cling to the advantages of that status no matter what. Not at all. When the time came, he set aside

the privileges of deity and took on the status of a slave, became human! Having become human, he stayed human. It was an incredibly humbling process. He didn’t claim special privileges. Instead, he lived a selfless, obedient life and then died a selfless, obedient death—and the worst kind of death at that—a crucifixion.”
Philippians 2: 5-8 The Message

As we seek to follow the example of Jesus THANK YOU for your partnership through SAMS with His Church in South America. We never take for granted your love, prayers, gifts, thoughtfulness, encouragement and your servant hearts. Since serving in SAMS I have been deeply impacted by the generosity of the SAMS family. This year we are aiming to increase our core givers and I encourage you to have a SAMS DD! (See details on the back cover page)

What an incredible privilege to know Christ, the greatest leader, the ONLY Saviour, the reigning Lord!

Bishop Ken Clarke



AMARÉ

Catherine Le Tissier works amongst families in Argentina.

Catherine, how long have you been in Northern Argentina and what are some of the things you do?

I have lived in Argentina with my husband Nick Drayson for approx. 20 years. Since we arrived here in Juarez 7 years ago I have been involved with work with families, especially with women and children. It is wonderful when we see women becoming empowered by the

understanding of God's love for each one of them. It also leads to adventures; hair raising truck rides, crossing rivers in a less than watertight boat, travelling on the back of a crowded lorry in the baking sun, and also sitting through long tedious meetings, and praying for people knowing that only God has the answer!

I serve in a working group called Pastoral Familiar, and an initiative called Making

Disciples in the Family (MDF). MDF has served as a wake-up call to parents to take responsibility for their children, to guide, teach and disciple them (Ephesians 4:6). Over the last 4 years, with the help of a team, I have co-ordinated this initiative.

Recently however, we have seen the need for the women to get organised so a women's group called AMARÉ ("I will love") has been formed. More than 800 women, both indigenous and urban, have become members so far. AMARÉ gives a sense of belonging, purpose and identity in Christ, as members of the Anglican Church and also of Mothers Union worldwide.

The Diocese of Northern Argentina received a generous gift from Bishops Appeal. How has that gift helped your ministry?

This gift has helped support the work of Making Disciples in the Family (MDF). It has paid for provisions, materials, and transport. We have held several MDF workshops and consultations (open to both men and women but the women are always in the majority) across the Diocese and hope to continue to do so. They are empowering events, as people voice their concerns, listen and learn from each other, and make decisions as to how to move

forward. Without this funding the initiative would be impossible.

We are working on materials to help with basics of understanding and parenting their children. We also plan to translate the book "Family Time -Simple prayers, Life lessons and devotions for learning with children."

What is your vision for women's ministry in the Diocese in the next few years?

- That women will continue to become empowered in every way and that membership of AMARE will help develop work amongst women.
- A sense of purpose and unity across the Diocese with the breaking down of cultural and racial differences and misunderstandings.

Please pray... for the development of women's leadership, and for the strengthening of the families work... for help with development of materials for parents and children... for the first General Assembly of AMARE... for discerning God's priorities and knowing His heart... for energy and strength.

DUBLIN TO SALTA

My name is Alison Orr and I am a hydrogeologist from Dublin. I went to Salta, Northern Argentina, for two weeks in April to work alongside Andrew Leake and support his ministry in the Chaco region. The people of the Chaco collect their drinking water from the summer rains which also fill lagoons where their goats and cows drink. When the lagoons dry up in late winter/early spring the people rely on groundwater to water their animals, and therefore groundwater is essential for the livelihood of the people. However there is a problem with high levels of salt in the water and some wells have been known to make the people sick when used for drinking water. We took water samples from the wells and sent them for analysis in Salta. It was encouraging that the lab showed real interest in getting involved and potentially sending someone to the Chaco to explain the results. Many of the wells are poorly protected and the results showed levels of potentially harmful bacteria from animal and human waste.

It was a privilege to be able to use my skills to give advice to the people of the Chaco on measures to put in place to protect their wells. God was faithful in providing the resources we needed, because early on we ran into problems and thought that it was not going to be possible to run any analysis.



FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE

CHAIRPERSON OF THE ARGENTINE DIOCESAN
ASSOCIATION REFLECTS ON FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE

On his return to England after Friday Night Live 2016 Roy Gascoyne wrote:

"Safely returned to the other "mainland", on behalf of the Argentine Diocesan Association contingent I want to thank you and your colleagues and supporters of SAMS UK and Ireland most sincerely for the warmth of your welcome and the generosity of your hospitality and to express our heartfelt appreciation of the two day Northern Ireland Experience. The Friday night Live evening event was truly inspirational and uplifting and the Saturday morning breakfast was an excellent continuation. The passion, enthusiasm for and commitment to

Mission was palpable and such an example. What was so striking too was the clear commitment of church leaders to the theme and this naturally transmits to the lay membership of the church, reflected in the excellent turn-out.

The programme for the two events, the sheer professionalism and the seamless linking of the various topics with the balance of humour and the serious message had an enormous impact on me and, I know, on my colleagues. Thank you so much for allowing us to be part of it all."

FIVEMILETOWN TO LIMA!

God willing, eleven young adults and not so young adults plan to travel in July from Fivemiletown to Peru. The team came together as an effort to help support the faith of young adults, and this has been done by meeting together each month since last September. The year has been interesting as we get to know each other's strengths and interests, in meeting other families and in spending time together in places like the high ropes course in Tullymore, Co Down.

Injections have been endured, insurance bought, Spanish classes attended, and packing lists issued. The question everyone asks is 'What are you going to do?' My hope is that the doing will emerge itself and that the people we serve will benefit and our team will grow in Christ. One or two of the team hope to visit a health care project, others hope to spend time at a school we have been supporting, and perhaps some will visit people in their homes. But whatever we 'do', the experience of seeing our brothers and sisters in another part of God's church will make the journey worthwhile.

Kyle Hanlon, Rector of Fivemiletown Parish.

THANK YOU LURGAN AND STRABANE ROTARY CLUBS!

In recent months Lurgan and Strabane Rotary Clubs along with SAMS, Shankill Parish Church, Lurgan and some anonymous donors combined to fund important developments in Holy Trinity School, Lima, Peru. Their gifts have helped purchase much needed new computers and new furniture. The children, staff and Principal are delighted and are deeply appreciative of the help given. This school of over 100 pupils and 10 teachers is in a poor suburb of this large capital city.

We received the following message from Pastor Anderson the husband of the Principal,

"The children are so happy with the new Computer Room and the new computers. Praise God! In the name of the children of the School, thank you so much. Isabel, the School Principal is so encouraged to keep serving and trusting God. The Holy Spirit is with us. Jesus said, "I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you." John 14:18 Once again dear brothers and sisters let us keep extending the Kingdom of God to His Glory."

This initiative was originally the "brainchild" of Dessie Gregg, this year's President of Lurgan Rotary. To him and all in Rotary in Lurgan and Strabane we say a very sincere thank you.

YOUTH MINISTRY

IN PERU

Written by Lizbeth Varillas

Paul Tester and I are very thankful to the Lord. When we began to serve with the Youth Ministry here we knew that it would not be easy. We have had times of great blessing with the young people but there were objectives that we weren't reaching. In October 2014 we met with Bishop William, Bishop of Peru, and shared with him our concerns and frustrations in the ministry. One of the biggest was the weakness in discipleship. We want young people to remain in Jesus. That means they need to be discipled. This is something that we need to strengthen at a national level. In 2015 Bishop William initiated a movement called "Christian Living and Formation" to help with this work.

Personally this is a dream for which I have been praying for a long time - that the national church strengthens discipleship and that it impacts decisions and actions taken at a parish and mission level. We long to see the fruits of this in the lives of the young people. We know this will be a task that will take years but we are underway!

The Christian Living and Formation movement has, as its objective, the task to help the people of our diocese to live a Christian life. Our team are visiting each and every parish and mission to help them in this task. The Youth Ministry is also doing the same thing and so whilst we visit we

have time to see youth leaders, young people and reinforce the vision of the Youth Ministry. Each diocesan ministry has been asked to draw up a plan for the next 5 years. In the Youth Ministry plan our aim is that the teenagers and young people pass through four stages of youth development: 1. Evangelisation, 2. Participation, 3. Formation, 4. Mission and Service.

Youth Camps

6 years ago the young people from Arequipa would come all the way to Lima (16 hours by bus) for the youth camp. The cost of this was unsustainable and the number who could come was limited. 5 years ago we began a youth camp in Arequipa which initially was led by the national youth ministry. Last year it was completely led by youth leaders from the region and this year it was the largest camp run in the diocese! This year's camp was called "Returning Home" and was based on the parable of the prodigal son. It was a great time for the young people to return to Christ, to be encouraged in their faith and challenged to live for Him.

Backpacking

In the last few years one of the difficulties we have had is young people remaining in the faith. For a number of reasons they may drift away—work, studies, lack of maturity and commitment to God. Also sometimes it is because there is often nothing specifically for them at their church to help them to grow (we're back to discipleship!!). So, challenged by this, the youth leaders in Lima surveyed young people to find something that would be attractive to young people of this age. "Backpacking" was born out of this. It is a new and attractive experience for young people from 17 upwards. It allows them to get out of the city, from the noise, and experience new places and connect with Jesus in His creation!

Thank you to all in Ireland and the UK for your faithful support.



AN INTERVIEW WITH CLARE HOLMES



You live in Concepcion, Paraguay. What are some of the daily sights and sounds of where you live?

A well travelled visitor once said that Concepcion was the most random place he had ever been as you just don't know what you will see next. "You see a nice hotel and a block further on, hens or donkeys crossing a dirt road." Paraguay is a country of contrasts and as it develops the contrast grows. You see big houses beside little shacks, the best of trucks and cars, but also many motorbikes. More people fit on a motorbike here than are allowed in a car at home! People sit

chatting and drinking the local drink terere although more people are chatting on their phone rather than to each other. It is noisy with loud music and any excuse for fireworks.

Something I love here is that Paraguayans are open, easily entertained, and laugh a lot. You also see pain in people's eyes as life can be hard.

The most random thing I ever saw was someone sound asleep on the bottom shelf in a shop enjoying a siesta. The boss must have been away that day!

What are some of the main changes you have noticed in Paraguay since you first went?

Paraguay is no longer isolated politically... Paved roads connecting with the capital have only been completed in the last 16 years... the arrival of Internet. When I first arrived in 2000 many or most people didn't attend or didn't finish secondary school. There are more banks, shops and products. There is more openness to the Gospel but also to any belief, thinking or idea.

There are also more drug-related crimes and debt, as the desire for material things grow. In some ways Concepcion 2016 is almost unrecognisable to that of 2000. The whole country has changed so much.

Share with us the story of one person in whom you have seen the Lord at work.

It is great to see the Lord at work in many people's lives, often not dramatically but steadily, consistently and obviously. It's great to see a child grow, mature and then start to lead.

When I first came here Norma was in her

early 20's and recently married to Saul. She always had a heart for God and to serve him. From the beginning she wanted to join me in working with the children. She now leads the children's work in the church and the different annexes and does it with confidence, humility, grace and love. Alongside Saul she also runs a shelter for the 'indigenous people' who visit Concepcion for medical attention etc.

Any prayer points?

That the Lord will continue to raise up and protect men and women 'after his own heart' to serve Him in all the different ministries and areas.

That He will give grace, strength and wisdom to Saul and Norma for the ministry of the Indian Shelter and for Norma with the children.

As the church continues to be in a time of change and without a pastor, that the Lord will guide us and that we will continually know and follow Him.



MISSION **PARAGUAY**

WRITTEN BY DAVID ORRITT

Laguna Carpincho is a village in the Chaco of North West Paraguay. Sometimes, because of flooding the bumpy road to it is completely impassable. This thriving Christian community is short of church buildings. In August 2016 four members of Annaghmore Parish will be there to build a new church. For Raymond Campbell it will be his third visit to the Chaco. Missionary Chris Hawksbee who regularly visits the Chaco communities provides pastoral support and Bible teaching as well as encouraging self-sufficiency projects. He will oversee this summer's project.

Life is difficult in this harsh environment characterised by dense thorn bushes, varied wildlife and often periods of prolonged drought where summer temperatures are well in excess of 40 degrees. Unsurprisingly the Chaco was christened 'the Green Hell' by some of the first European visitors. There is still no piped water, no drains and only a very limited supply of electricity to some areas. Please pray for Raymond Campbell, Andrew Allen, William Montgomery and Andrew Smith... for safety in travel, and for His blessing upon their work.

CHRIS & ALISON HAWKS BEE



Chris, tell us some of the things you have been doing recently?

Over recent months we sought Government approval to participate in their program called "Tenondera", which means to go forward. It is a program which the Government is promoting to help the poor get out of poverty. There is another program called "Tekopora", which means good welfare. This is a child benefit money to help families with children below 18 years of age. The Indians have been receiving this cash for a while now. This means that the children can go to school with a full stomach now and concentrate on studying.

Chris, tell us a little more about these programmes.

For the first program, there is a subsidy of 2.4 million Guaranies per family to aid them to get on a production line, with a view of working their way out of poverty. This can be used for beekeeping, cattle production or some other viable venture. Makthlawaiya is already participating in a

beekeeping venture. El Estribo want to do cattle production. 3 groups have received help with cattle projects and these are going well. El Estribo should benefit with 250 families being helped this year. We facilitate communities making contact with these programmes.

Any items for prayer?

- Please pray for the wise stewardship of funding
- Give thanks for the the ordination, in La Patria, of 3 deacons and 7 pastoral assistants in early May.
- Please pray for the ongoing evaluation of Pastors and helpers.
- Please pray for Pastor Agustin Maidana and myself as we make twice monthly visits to the Chaco to do teaching sessions/ discipling and encourage the church workers. This can be interrupted if we have rain and the earth roads are closed or in bad condition.

STANDING ORDER

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To sign up contact the office (028) 3831 0144 or info@samsukireland.com

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SAMS is extremely thankful for legacies which are left by individuals for the benefit of the work in South America. Legacies can make a real difference to the ongoing work and the extension of God’s Kingdom. Thank you for partnering with us. For further information in confidence contact the SAMS House.

Thank you for being part of the SAMS team. If we can serve you in any way please do not hesitate to contact us.



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