

News from Beryl Baker – 11 May 2008

Dear Praying Friends,

On May 20th the people of Paraguay voted in a new president and the 61-year standing Colorado party was soundly defeated. The slogan of the reds was 'We are one' whereas the slogan of the blues was 'We are 6 million' (the population of Paraguay!!) Now the general feeling is one of hope instead of despondency.

The victorious political party's propaganda said 'It's time for change' and everyone agreed. No such change is possible just by a swap of political allegiance as people remain the same unless there is an inward and spiritual change of heart and attitude that only the Holy Spirit can bring about.

Lots of changes have happened to my life by the grace of God which enables me to try and serve Him here.

Sadly I report that El Dorado died on 16th April after drastically losing weight for six weeks due to a strain of trypanomiasis, a blood-borne disease carried by vampire bats. He is buried alongside Tony, Ping and all the other loved pets.

We have news of the appointment of a new bishop - next bulletin will tell you who once the news becomes official.

Many of the ranch employees have had to go for one reason or another and now the remaining loyal group are very happy about the restored peace and good relationships. The large Indian group from the neighbouring ranch, Salazaar have now moved 40kms away to an Indian colony called Kanekten.

Items for praise and prayer are listed below as they are numerous

- *Praise* for the peace and trouble-free election of the new government and new President Fernando Lugo, who is an ex-R.C. bishop, His sister will be the first lady.
- *Praise* for the three week visit of Ruth Pitman - a very happy time for everyone.
- *Praise* that Ruth Cabrera has almost completed her training as a nurse and has the promise of a paid job at the Indian clinic at Yalva Sanga which will give her a lot of practical experience
- *Praise* for protection on the roads and from all the natural dangers of living in the Chaco, and for a happy outcome of unfounded threats about kidnappings and assassinations aimed at me.
- *Praise* for good restored relationships between the ranch employees and Rhett.

- Please *pray* as I have to select new health workers for the Indian colony La Patria and organise a formal training session with the team from the T.B. programme and Alto Refugio who will give sessions about A.I.D.S.
- *Prayer* for the ex-Salazaar Indians as they settle on their new land and the Salazaar ranch itself as the plans go ahead to make it a permanent wildlife reserve.
- The money exchange has dropped drastically, prices have rocketed and so adjustments have to be made all round for everyone.

- Please *pray* for Jose Fernandez who will see a neurologist on the 29th of this month.
- Please *pray* that Jumi's tongue will soon come back to its full strength so that she can eat again normally, and that Bella's blood sugar level would stabilise.

More news soon.

Rev: 21. 'And the one sitting on the throne said, 'Look I am making everything new! Write this down, for what I tell you is trustworthy and true'

love and prayers

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