

# Feisa

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Formación en Educación Inicial San Andrés



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## *Dear friends of FEISA,*

We trust you have all spent a very happy and blessed Christmas, celebrating the birth of our wonderful Saviour, and we wish you a New Year full of many blessings! Here in Paraguay we are experiencing our usual suffocating heat and we are enjoying our month's break until February 6th.

We praise God for a successful conclusion to 2016 and we are so sorry that we haven't been in touch with you for the last couple of months. It's because we ended the year with a mountain of extra administrative work as we had to present our revised Degree Course for final approval to the Ministry of Education. Now, however, we want to put you up to date with our 2016 final activities.

## **Academic Activities**

We held a grand presentation of our Integrated Arts work for husbands, parents, friends and children. There were some excellent numbers, including a beautiful Paraguayan dance and a musical drama. The students had also prepared different corners with story books and didactic materials so that the children could enjoy themselves during the intervals between each act. We are truly very proud of our students. They are a real blessing!

In December, we held a Graduation Ceremony and Thanksgiving Service for our finalist students and they were very moving occasions for each one of them & their families. They were a lovely group, with real friendship & solidarity amongst themselves, and it's been so encouraging to see God's hand at work in their lives.

During the first fortnight of December, we completed all the documentation of the students' examination results and practical work assessments. Some students did re-sit exams but others need to do re-takes in February. We held our final staff consultation and assessment meeting and we planned all our activities for 2017. We praise God for the teachers we have contracted for 2017.

## Teaching Practices

The Second Year students all successfully completed their final teaching practices without any problems

## Staff

### ***Lourdes Calderini (Director)***

I praise God that we have successfully concluded the academic year of 2016 and for your support and prayers each day of 2016. Thank you, too, for your personal interest in each one of us. I praise God for all our FEISA staff because each one is a blessing in this place, and finally I want to bless each of you in the name of Jesus!



### ***Ruth Maidana (Academic Secretary)***

After a very challenging year for my family & for me, I was able to finish my studies in Psychology, defend my thesis and obtain the top qualification. I can do no other than praise God for His faithfulness, His love & His mercy! I also want to thank all of you for your prayer support as I know that without it, I wouldn't have been able to achieve it. I'm therefore very happy to have completed this period and I'm looking forward to new challenges this coming year.



Thank you so much for everything! Much love, Ruth.

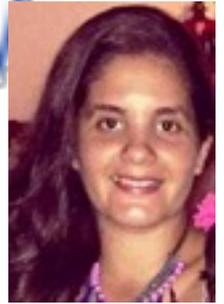
### ***Eliana Toranzo (Assistant Secretary)***

I want to thank God and FEISA for the opportunity to work here. It was a year when I learnt much and enjoyed new friendships. I'm expecting new challenges this coming year!



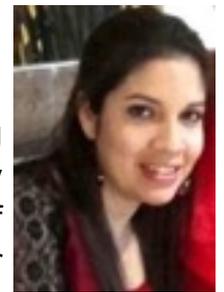
***Silvia Maidana (IT and Publicity)***

Dear friends, I wish you a very happy New Year and that the Lord may continue to bless you & lead you by the hand each day! It is holiday time here and so this is my time to begin working on all our publicity, using the different forms of media we have here. As everything is done digitally now adays, I use the different social networks and email etc to reach people, praying for new FEISA students for 2017. And so we are starting a new academic year with God's help, committing every challenge into His hands.



***Patricia Chavez (Librarian)***

I want to share with you some personal news. I'm expecting a baby and going to become a mother for the first time! My husband & I are delighted and very grateful to God. Thank you so much for your prayers throughout the whole of 2016 and I'd like to ask you to continue praying that everything may go well for us. We are in the Lord's hands! Many blessings for all of you in 2017, dear friends.



***Lorenzo (Maintenance)***

I wish you all many blessings and want to thank you for all your support and prayers. I have now retired, having finished my work in St. Andrew's College & FEISA. I'm so grateful to God for having given me work in these institutions and I'm going to miss it a lot! Please remember me in your prayers, dear friends, because my new life from now on is going to be challenging in a different way.



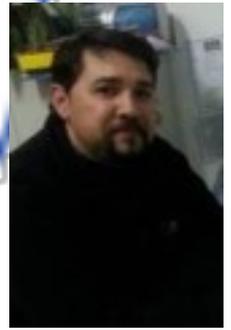
***Delia (Caretaker and cleaner)***

I wish you all a very happy New Year! I thank God for your lives and for praying so much about my health. I thank God, too, for your prayers for FEISA, a place which wins the hearts of so many students. The Lord is with us continually in every detail. I'm praying to the Lord for strength, for good health & for a complete recovery as I face this new year of work. Thank you so much, my dear friends.



***Tadeo (Receptionist and Driver)***

A happy New Year to you all! I can do no other than thank you warmly for the great support you have been to me & my family during 2016. It was a very hard year for all my family. Thank you for being there with your prayers. Rossana is improving little by little, and God has done miracles in her life, though some of her injuries are irreversible. I praise God for my wife Ruth's strength of character. She is truly the pillar of the family. Thank you, dear friends, for everything! We hope each one of you has a New Year full of blessings!



***David Benitez (Administrator and Accountant)***

We finished 2016 with most of the administrative side of our work and accounts completed. Please pray for a sufficient number of students to be able to cover the greater part of our annual costs in 2017. Thank you so much, dear friends for your prayers for FEISA and for myself & my family.



## **REASONS FOR PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING**

- The excellent final presentation of Integrated Arts work
- The moving Graduation Ceremony and Thanksgiving Service
- The completion of the year-end administration
- The successful Second Year students' Teaching Practices
- Ruth's excellent Psychology Degree results
- Patricia's pregnancy
- Rossana's slow but steady improvement

## **PRAYER REQUESTS**

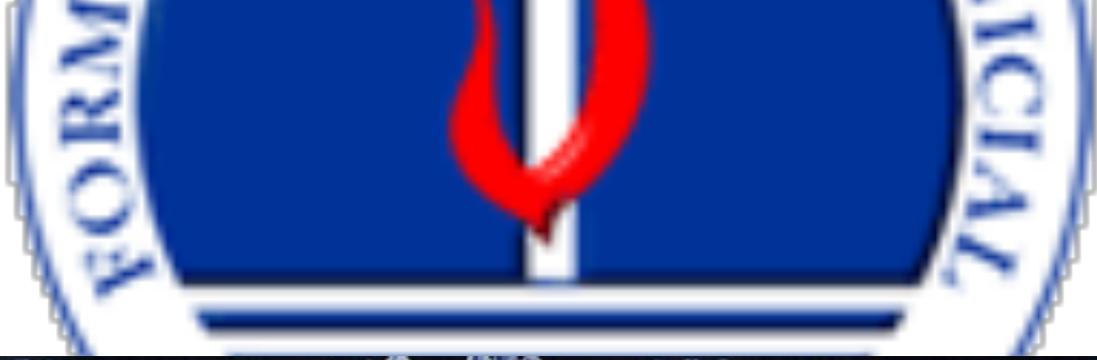
- For good rest & refreshment for all the staff, despite high, enervating, summer temperatures
- For acceptance by the Ministry of Education of FEISA's revised Degree Curriculum
- For students needing to study for re-sit exams in February
- For Silvia working hard on attractive publicity, but also for time to relax with her family

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- For the right number of students for the new academic year, starting in March
  - For funds to cover the 2017 budget costs
  - For Lorenzo adapting to retirement
  - For complete recovery for Delia

*Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for His mercies never fail. They are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness. I say to myself, "The Lord is my portion; therefore I shall hope in Him. Lamentations 3: 22-24.*

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