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Prayer Letter

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We've had an interesting few days here in Paraguay. There's been some political unrest after the President, Fernando Lugo, was impeached over his handling of land clashes in the east of the country earlier in June. Last Friday (22nd) school was cancelled as we watched to see the outcome of the impeachment trial. There was a fear that there would be widespread violence and disruption after more than 1000 campesinos (landless farmers) arrived in Asunción to protest the impeachment. At the end of the trial, Lugo was found guilty and his vice-president, Federico Franco was sworn in as president until the end of Lugo's original term next year. Thankfully there was only a small violent outburst after the announcement which was quickly quashed by police. Everything is back to normal now but there's still some sense of waiting to see what will happen next. The BBC news website covers it very well.

Otherwise, school has been good the last few weeks. We've had Independence Day, Teacher's day, Labour Day, visits to community projects, sports camps and the annual school dance competition. Just one week left before the winter holiday (strange given that it's 29°C outside!). James is coming to stay for the two weeks so I'm really looking forward to that – we have some vague travelling plans which hopefully will fall into place!

Prayer Points:

- For the political situation; for peace and that democracy will rule.
- For president Franco and his government; that they would be wise and that other South American countries would recognise it as a legal government (no trade boycotts etc)
- For James's visit - that his travel would be easy and straightforward, that we'd be safe travelling in South America and have a great time together.

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