



Hello I've just come back from a visit to Remansito, a country community with an Anglican church plant. They serve a Saturday lunch to needy children and we're planning to help them launch a sewing workshop in July. Leader Magdalena and her teenage children (first 3 on left below) cook and serve the meal every week. Extending a ministry to the mothers of this isolated community will bring new hope and a chance for self-sufficiency they will not have had before.

From 11th May I'll be visiting the fabric shops and factories hoping for donations of cloth to share around the new and existing workshops. Last year a curtain and carpet warehouse unexpectedly gave us huge quantities of dull white cloth, ideal for sheets and pillowcases, and industrial oil cloth used to make shoulder bags by beginner learners. The materials UK

churches have given is the smart stuff for individual projects for more advanced sewing. It's lovely. Thank you! **Please pray that I have success and shops want to give.**



Further education for Remansito people is a rare possibility. The community is 60 kms from Asunción where people get the work that pays college fees. Sonia and Marlene, Magdalena's eldest daughters, leave at 6.00 a.m. and return at 9.00 p.m., a round trip that includes two and a half hours on busses to get to work and college.

They both have jobs as cleaners in St Andrew's school, part of the Anglican complex in the city centre.

The maintenance and administration teams offer vital starter job opportunities for many young church hopefuls. I feel so privileged to be working with such humble people and with our all providing God who makes these great connections.

For prayer

- **The rain situation** Although the temperature has dropped 5°, the autumn rains which provide the water Paraguay needs through to October seem to have passed us over. Indians are leaving homes, schools and churches to find water elsewhere. In drought conditions years ago, hand dug wells were resorted to but sadly today a dependency attitude makes this an unattractive option. The area of Concepción where our auxiliary Bishop lives is about to declare a state of emergency.
- The pressure from demonstrators in the city has been released but in outlying areas of the country Paraguayans without land are burning crops in protest. The President meanwhile is distracted, as you may have read, by paternity claims. This is not uncommon here.

Please pray that the people with the power to offer help would act.

Nothing is impossible with God Luke 1: 36-38



We're so fortunate in Paraguay to enjoy organic food and drink with minimal food miles. Do you know about the River Cottage/Channel 4 project to match gardeners with free land? For those with computers, the link is

www.landshare.channel4.com

Extraordinary things are also happening at www.incredible-edible-todmorden.co.uk

In the reverse sub tropical world, I'm waiting for the summer temperatures to drop to 60° so I can plant my herb seeds.

With love to all, Caroline