



Mission Paraguay 2015

Each year through Mission Paraguay God calls Christians to build and strengthen cross cultural relationships by assisting the ministry of the local Anglican Church. They share the love of Jesus while using their skills and experience working for three weeks on a variety of projects alongside fellow believers living in different regions of Paraguay.

In July and August 2015 two groups of volunteers from churches across England will work in communities in different areas of Paraguay. A small group will be assisting missionary Chris Hawksbee with a variety of building projects in the Chaco. A larger team will be based at Roque Alonso on the north east outskirts of Asunción and will also visit Concepción where they will work alongside missionary Claire Holmes from Northern Ireland.

Claire and friends at San Pablo Church, Concepción will also be hosting a separate team from Antrim organised through SAMS. This team which is a flute band will be sharing their musical gifts and undertaking practical work in a number of the communities surrounding Concepción.

Projects being funded during 2015

Through the generous financial support of churches, individual donors and other organisations to whom we are most grateful, this year the following projects are amongst those which will be funded:

- assisting the general ministry of the Anglican Church including assisting with travel costs to the Chaco for clergy and lay workers to support Indian communities. As in past years specific funding will be provided for work with children and young people;
- funding the construction of brick walls to a school for Indian children which meets under a metal roof;
- as in past years, Mission Paraguay will work with missionary Chris Hawksbee to provide new homes and improvements to existing homes for Indian families. This includes promoting the manufacture of bricks within communities;



Keys to new homes nearing completion being handed to families in 2014. Previous homes are nearby.

- the manufacture and supply of toilet cabins for Indian families with no facilities;
- constructing a further 21,000 litre underground rainwater storage tank. There is no piped water supply in the Chaco which suffers from annual periods of severe drought;

- providing a generator for use by an Indian community in an area without electricity;
- assisting with funding for the weekly ‘comidas’ which operate in a number of communities to provide a weekly nutritious meal for local children;



- funding the mobile toy library which visits communities in the Asunción area to provide children with no toys the opportunity to learn through play. Since 2005 over 10,000 children have benefitted from the toy library ministry;
- over recent years a number of church members have been carrying out improvements to the homes of some of the poorest families in their communities. We plan to continue to support this work by supplying building materials;
- continuing to support the sewing workshops which encourage women in poorer communities to become more self sufficient;



- continuing to supply and distribute spectacles to people who cannot afford to visit an optician. Over 3,000 pairs have been supplied in the last three years.

Mission Paraguay works through the South American Mission Society UK and Ireland to support the Anglican Church in Paraguay, share the love of Jesus and change lives by providing funds and a volunteer work force for:

- **practical projects, usually buildings;**
- **activities with children and young people;**
- **community based work to relieve hardship and encourage self sufficiency.**

Working together, changing lives, growing in faith.

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