

JULY 2017



# NEWS FROM PARAGUAY

Dear Friends,

Greetings from a hot Paraguay!  
Today is actually the second day of hot weather after over a week of very cold with temperatures reaching zero in some parts. It's good to feel the sun again.

## THE LAST WEEK

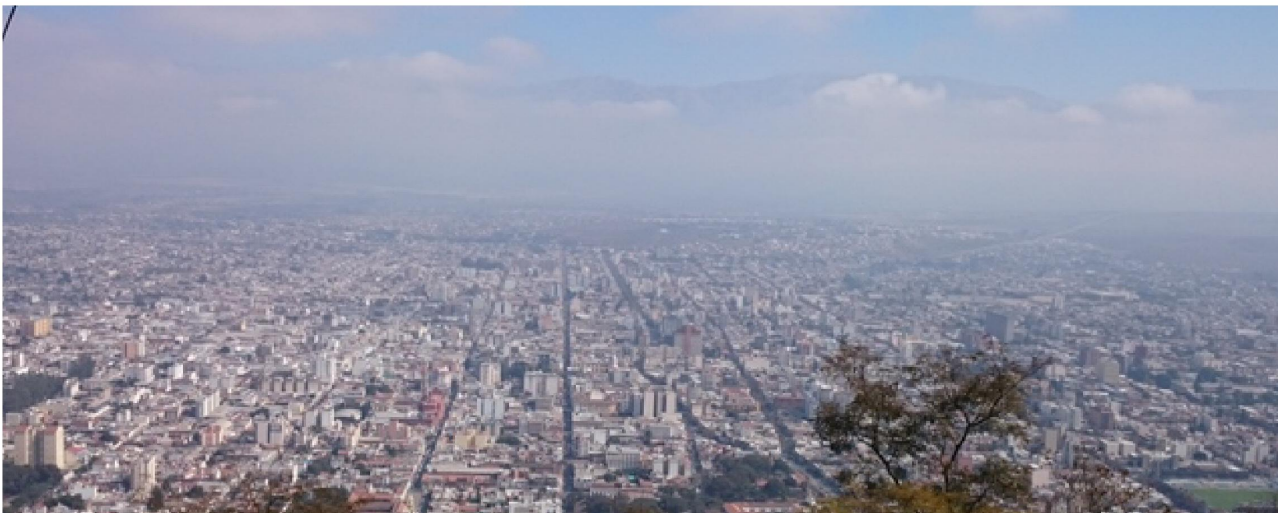


## FROST IN SURUBII

School finished on July 7th for 2 weeks. That last week was a hive of activity with reports to go out and the system playing up making for some very cross parents. That's still got to be sorted! The pupils started to drift off before term finished. Some went to language school in England, others to football clubs in England for sports and language study and others to the USA for sports and language. The 5th Form organized a sports tournament to raise funds to help a boy in the home they visit. They really worked hard and the next day continued selling hotdogs because they hadn't raised enough. In the end they had got the exact amount needed to get him a motor for his wheelchair. On our last day we didn't have the pupils in but had a training day for health and safety for all the staff. This is required by law now! It lasted a few hours and then we all left to start our break.





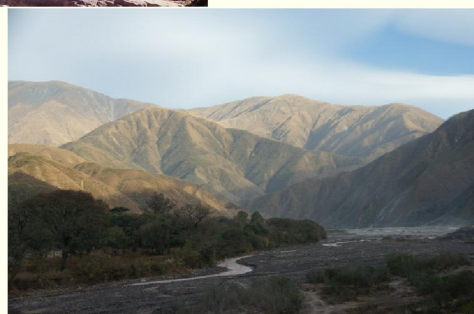
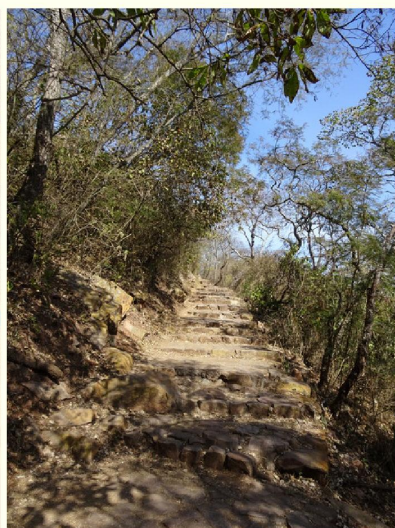


# SALTA

We left for Salta Argentina on the following Tuesday. We'd discovered there was now a direct aeroplane that went there which meant our journey was an hour and a half instead of a whole day by bus. The plane was a small one with only 26 on it going and 11 on the return journey. We had planned trips whilst in Salta both of which took us up into the Andes, one going north and the other south. The views were spectacular with mountains of different colours. We got to see the salt flats and were as high as 4,000 metres at one point. The air was so clear and the sun shone although it was still cold.



## AMAZING SIGHTS



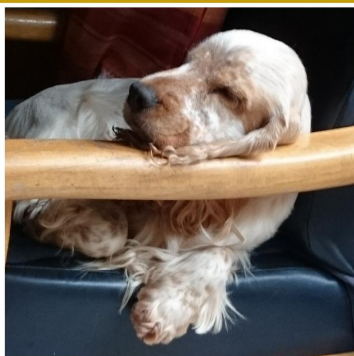
Whilst in Salta we walked through the city, took a ride on the cable car up a hill and decided we'd walk down. We hadn't bargained on the 1,023 steps having no handrails or guards and being very uneven but still we made it!! Our legs were wobbly afterwards though! We arrived back in Asuncion the following Sunday and so still had a week of school holiday left. We spent that week doing jobs round the house, going for walks and shopping. Mags has also baked and cooked to refill the freezer and has made it!





# FRIENDSHIP DAY

Splash, the dog who was ill, has finished his treatment. He loves to go for walks but he's also getting stronger and wanting even more. Vikingo has also joined him in wanting to go out and they sit by the front door waiting for us to take them. There's a limit to how far we can walk round here as there are so many dogs in various areas that we try to avoid them.



We took the church service twice this month as we skipped our turn in June. Today we had visitors from Northern Ireland who are working with the church in Villa Guarani for a couple of weeks.

We started back at school on July 24th. It was hard getting back to 5.30 am get ups! The kids were all back full of energy! We found we had an invitation to an embassy meeting. There was a school group over from Colchester and the British ambassador invited us and a few other schools to meet them. We took 4, 6th form pupils with us. It was a pleasant evening and our pupils really enjoyed it. July 30th is Friendship day so we celebrated in school on Friday. The staff had breakfast together and then the various areas of school do something too. The children give gifts to their invisible Friends. We were pleased to have a visit from our SAMS boss, Bishop Ken Clarke from Ireland and we were able to go out for supper with him.



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Thanks for all your support and prayers.  
God Bless and love from  
Gwen and Mags xx