



News from Paraguay

January 2019

Dear Friends,

This will probably be the last letter we write from Asuncion! It will also be a very short one compared to our usual lengthy ones! First of all we would like to thank all of you for your support for us over the last 30+ years. It's been very special to us and we look forward to visiting our link churches to thank you all personally.

Asuncion



English Church

The English church had informal Bible Studies in January before services started again in February. We are leading the first one on the 3rd which will be the last one we do.

We have found plenty to keep us busy. Mags is producing a new maths workbook for the infant class and it's coming along really well. Gwen has been sewing, trying to finish a patchwork project we started years ago. In between all this we have started to move things in the house to decide what to take and what to keep. We still have a lot more to work through!! – not something we enjoy!



Camboriu



For the first few weeks we were helping a new student, the son of a teacher and ex pupil, to catch up with work to be ready for a new school year in our school. We no sooner came back from holiday when he went away but we'll have him back again before classes start



We did take time out to visit the Brazilian coast once more and stay with a friend who has a flat there overlooking the beach. She also had a gorgeous new Cocker Spaniel puppy to play with!! Most of the time it was very hot with showers at night. Even so, we did manage to walk for miles along the sea front. On the way back we stayed in Curitiba for a night as it's a city we always enjoyed visiting and so we took one last trip there.

Rain



Curitiba in the rain

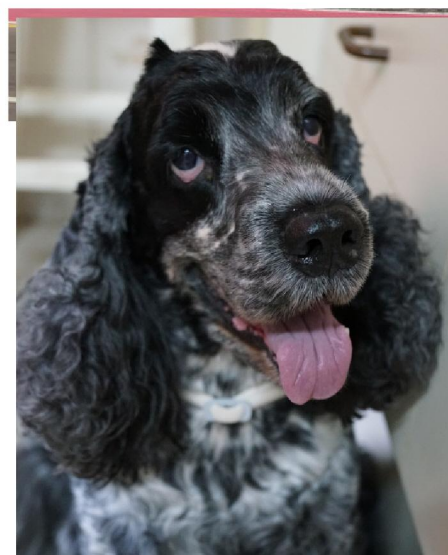
Since we came back we realize the house really does need sorting out! Over 30 years of accumulation - so many books, dvd's and cd's all need to be sorted into "keep" or

"throw"! We will be sending on some things by ship when we decide what can go..



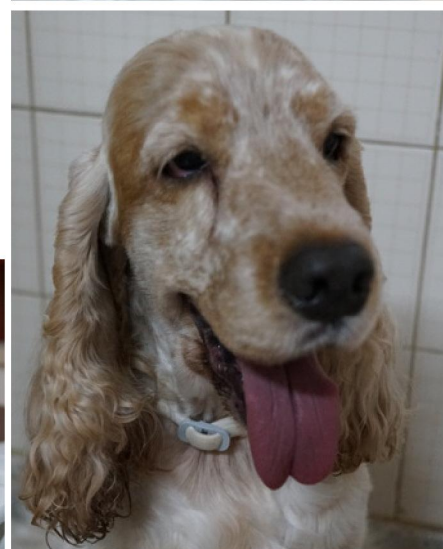
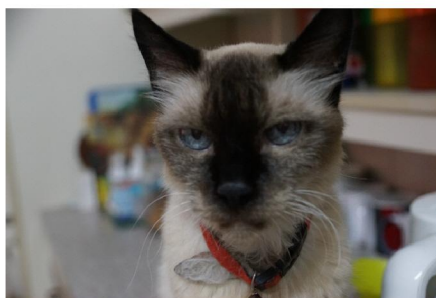


Sadly we will not be bringing our animals with us but we have homes lined up for all of them. The dogs go back to our friend who bred Vikingo and brought Splash from Uruguay for us. The oldest cat will go to the lady who owns the vet place and pet parlour. She asked for her as she has an old cat too. Poppy is almost 19 years old! Sassy will go along with the dogs to Mara's as she also has cats. Misty will go with Olga, the lady who has helped in our house for over 30 years. We will really miss her.



We had afternoon tea with the heads of the different departments. They like the English baking!!

They were all impressed by our homegrown pineapple!!



We were sad to hear of the death of Eileen Murphy who went to be with the Lord about 2 weeks ago. Eileen taught in school for 30 years and was head from 1990 until the end of 1998 and then went on to found FEISA, a teacher training facility.



We will be leaving Paraguay on the 25th Feb but stopping off in Lisbon for a few days to recover before arriving in England on the 1st March.

Mags' sister-in-law is house hunting for us on the Fylde coast. Please pray that the right house will come up.

Thank you for all your faithful support over the years.

God Bless and lots of love,

Gwen and Mags xx

