



News and prayers for Mission Paraguay 2015

The team from churches across England has been greatly blessed during our stay of almost a week already at Roque Alonso. During that time working with members of the local churches we have been involved with a range of activities including:

- sewing workshops where this year women are being shown specifically how to make children's soft toys, bags and cushion covers;
- distribution of spectacles. Already in the communities we have visited we have distributed more pairs of specs than was the case last year. Yesterday at Ipvu there was a queue of people awaiting our arrival;
- a range of children's activities including assisting with the mobile toy library;
- internal cleaning and general tidying of the outside areas at the Esperanza Foster Home;
- painting the walls of the room mainly used by the youth group at Zeballos Cue Church. We plan to continue this work on Saturday.

Last Sunday we worshipped in the local church here and as in past years had to join with the music group to sing in Spanish at the front of church. Fortunately the group is fairly loud and drowned out our mispronunciation!! It was a real blessing for us to renew friendships with our Christian brothers and sisters who we have now known for a number of years.

Over the next few days we will be visiting communities at Remansito, Mirador and Luque. On Tuesday we will be travelling to Concepción for six nights where we will work alongside Claire Holmes from Northern Ireland and visit communities within Concepción and the surrounding area.

On Tuesday evening I met with Claire and the flute band team from Antrim who had been at Concepción for over a week. In addition to their music, this team had been carrying out a range of practical work during their visit.

Please give thanks:

- for the safe arrival of everyone in Paraguay together with their suitcases and equipment;
- for the hospitality of the Anglican Church here particularly Pastor Lucho and the fellowship at Roque Alonso where we are currently based;
- for the generosity of so many churches and individuals whose generous donations have made our mission and work possible;
- for the visit of the Antrim team, the friendships made and lives changed through their visit;
- that the Lord has called people with a range of skills and experience to travel to serve with His people in Paraguay.

- Please pray:
- for continued safety in travel;
- for Derek, Ken and Rod as they prepare to travel to the Chaco with Missionary Chris Hawksbee on Monday to assist with the construction of new homes and toilet facilities for indigenous Indian families
- for all arrangements for our ministry and work in Asunción, Concepción and the Chaco, that they may go smoothly;
- that group members will continue to be blessed through their time in Paraguay and that it should be a faith building experience for everyone;
- that our skills and resources should be used wisely for the greatest benefit to the people and communities who we meet and work alongside;
- for missionary Claire Holmes in her ongoing ministry particularly amongst the children and young people in Concepción;
- for Miguel the brother-in-law of Silvia our Paraguayan driver who is ill in hospital with dengue fever .

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