

PRAYER CALENDAR - Iglesia Anglicana Paraguaya - February 2009.

Psalm 139:1-5 "O lord you have searched me and you know me....you perceive my thoughts from afar....you are familiar with all my ways.... you have laid your hand upon me."

1. There is an **urgent need to pray** this month for **Liberato Cabanas**, the health auxiliary in **Sombrero Piri**. After an apparently successful prostate operation, he was readmitted to hospital with a serious renal problem and has become completely blind. The doctors are perplexed & unable to find the cause of the blindness. He is at present staying in the church hostel in Asuncion with his wife **Epifania**, and **Norma** is covering the clinic in **Sombrero Piri**. **Liberato** needs God's intervention & healing touch.
2. There is a meeting this week for **Chaco pastors** in **Rio Verde**. Pray for **Ed Brice** as he teaches & for spiritual understanding on those attending that they may be able to teach others with wisdom & God's anointing strength.
3. Pray for the **St. Andrew's School** staff returning to school today after the summer break & for their staff retreat on **Thursday 5th**. For Head, **Gwen Carlisle**, Deputy Head **Mags Southern** & their Senior Management team & for staffing needs to be covered in the **Secondary** Section.
4. There is a serious need for **rain** in many parts of the **Chaco**. **Chris Hawksbee** writes that the tajamares (artificial lakes) have not been replenished & in some places it has not been possible to plant sesame due to the dry soil. Please pray. If rain doesn't fall soon in these areas, there will be a real emergency situation.
5. Given the dry conditions & poor quality of the drinkable water in many areas of the **Chaco**, pray for the **health** of the **indigenous communities** & for the blessing of rain where it is most needed. That the **schools** will be able to commence their term & not be held back by the lack of water.
6. Today the new academic year starts in **Paraguay**. Pray for the pupils attending **St. Andrew's** & the **Annexe** schools & give thanks for the freedom for Christian education in **Paraguay**. Give thanks for the **St. Andrew's School** maintenance staff who begin each day with prayer & give a clear Christian witness in their work. The majority are members of local Anglican churches.
7. Pray for **Juana** & the staff at the **Esperanza Foster Home** & for pastor **Agustin & Teresa** taking over responsibility for it from the **Metcalfes**. Pray for a safe home situation for little **Jonathan** who has finally been allowed to live with his birth mother. Pray for children awaiting the judge's decision over adoption & give thanks that 22 children have now benefitted from **Esperanza**. Give thanks for good relationships with the new head of the national **Adoption Centre**.
8. After voting within the **SAMS & CMS** councils, the link-up between the societies takes place & Canon **Tim Dakin**, General Secretary of **CMS** takes over as General Secretary of **SAMS**. Pray for him as he assumes this greater responsibility & for Bishop **Henry Scriven** who takes on the role as Mission Director for **South America**. Pray too for the present **SAMS** home staff at this time of change & uncertainty.
9. Pray for Paraguayan **President Fernando Lugo** as he tackles issues of corruption, injustice & poverty in the country whilst unable to give quick-fix solutions to the poor & landless. Pray that the government may have wisdom & discernment as they try to stabilise the economy & encourage production.
10. Pray for **bishop Andres & Estela** in **Concepcion** & for the church members who struggle to provide for their families. Many are exploited by wages well below the minimum rate due to high unemployment in the city. Give thanks for **Saul & Norma** as they successfully oversee the indigenous hostel in **Concepcion** & for their spiritual contacts with the indigenous visitors.
11. Pray for **Claire Holmes** as she returns to **Concepcion** after the summer break & for the team who work in children's ministry within & around the city. Give thanks for their pastoral care & visiting of children in their homes & pray that this will increasingly become a hallmark of the whole church community. Pray for **Javier & Myrian** & the development of youth ministry in **Concepcion**.
12. Give thanks for the **Metcalfe's** safe arrival back in the **UK** and the children's adaptation to their local school. Pray that **Alber** will be able to receive the help he requires with his learning needs & for a successful outcome to the British adoption process for the three children.
13. Pray for **Tim** & his team of **Bible translators** in the office in **Rio Verde**. Give thanks for their steady progress with the **Old Testament** translation into **Enxet**. They hope to have visits from **United Bible Society** consultants to upgrade their paratext programme. For God's protection on people, buildings & equipment.
14. Pray for **pastor Luis & Regina** & their family & the congregation in **Zeballos Cue**. Give thanks for the ongoing **PEPE** preschool & Saturday feeding programme for underprivileged children & pray that through this many families will respond to the gospel & be integrated into the life of the church.
15. Pray for strength for **Beryl Baker** who has had a very busy time recently with many medical emergencies over the hot, summer months, including **Liberato** (see Feb 1). Pray for all the health auxiliaries, especially those who do not receive a government salary. Pray for **Lalo Acuna** in **Makxawaya** who is suffering from depression through work pressure & lack of income.

16. Give thanks for outreach work in the **Chacarita** shanty area through the drug rehabilitation home, **La Puerta** & pray for God to expedite the documentation process giving it municipal recognition. Give thanks for a young man now drug free for 6 weeks & pray for the restoration of his marriage. For **Sharon McCreerie** the Director & **Hector & Delia**, the houseparents.
17. Give thanks for the steady Christian witness of the **St. Andrew's Annexe School** & for former pupils who are now re-establishing contacts & committing their lives to Christ. Pray for fresh inspiration for Head, **Victor Santa Cruz** & his staff in the area of family Christian education through the **Annexe School**.
18. Pray for discernment for **Ed & Marie Brice** & the congregation in **Rio Verde** as to how to develop its ministry in the town. Pray for spiritual strength for the church members & for their witness to the local community. Pray for **Marie Brice** as she & **Estela Rodriguez** seek to form a team using puppets to present the gospel to children in the **Chaco** & in **Concepcion**.
19. Give thanks for the success of the **sewing workshops** in marginalised areas of Asuncion & Concepcion which were started during the visit of **Mission Paraguay** volunteers in July. Pray that these may create opportunities not only to provide income for the families but also to share the gospel with them.
20. Give thanks for the repairs carried out to the church in **Makxawaya**, damaged by a tornado last year. Pray for the community & for the congregation there. For **pastor Juan & Alicia & deacon Romualdo** & his family. For the young people & the music groups which visit other communities. Give thanks for **Tim Curtis'** encouragement & help for them.
21. Pray for the teaching staff & students at **FEISA** & for sufficient finance to cover this year's costs. Give thanks for the visits by staff & students to **Chaco** village schools & pray for the indigenous teachers & parents involved in the teaching programme. Pray for the 3rd year students who are doing a special programme for the **Ministry of Education** & will therefore graduate in mid **2009**.
22. Pray for the follow up meetings for couples who have attended past **EMA** weekends & for the weekly services in **Villa Guarani** church, that many couples may deepen their relationship with the Lord. For vision & strength for the leadership team & for all the preparations for the next **EMA** weekend.
23. Pray for the **San Andres** evening congregation & for **pastor Patrick, Rosie** & their team of lay leaders. Pray for wisdom over the continuity of leadership when the **Butlers** leave **Paraguay** in **July** to return to the **UK**. Give thanks for the ministry of **EJE** & the many young people who have allowed Christ to transform their lives & pray for their spiritual protection.
24. Pray for the ministry to children & young people in **San Lorenzo** & for the plans for development later this year through **Mission Paraguay** volunteers. For encouragement & wisdom for **Teo & Lidia** & their team. For the congregation in **Luque** & fresh insight & inspiration for pastor **Jorge & Rebeca** as they evangelize in the **Luque** area. For **Jorge's** involvement in inter church lobbying of Congress on national family issues.
25. Pray for **pastor Cefe, Ana** & their team in their wide ministry in **Roque Alonso**. Give thanks for the **Children's Clubs** in **Remansito, Mirador & Roque Alonso** & pray for more volunteers to respond to God's call to work amongst the children. **Paraguay** is a very young nation. Pray that children will be able to hear the gospel when young & commit their lives to the Lord. Pray too for the **Retreat Centre** in formation in **Emboscada** & for the building of a bunkhouse there to enable overnight visits. Pray that the **Centre** may become a place where Christian fellowship & teaching is experienced by all the **Asuncion** congregations & also for outreach into the local community. For **Adelio & Isabel** who care for the **Centre**.
26. Give thanks for the ministry through **St. Andrew's English** speaking congregation & pray for God to raise up new leadership to follow on from the **Butlers** when they leave in July. For all those who have attended the joint **Alpha Course** run by the 3 congregations in the centre of **Asuncion**.
27. Pray for pastor **Agustin & Teresa Maidana** & the **San Andres morning** congregation. For the ministry to underprivileged children & the links with the **Esperanza Foster Home**. For God's blessing on older members of the church who have given a great Christian witness over the years but are now unable to attend church services. Pray for **Feliciano Ortega** in his theological studies & for his wife **Rosa** & family. For the monthly meetings with couples in **Santani** together with the **Maidanas**.
28. Pray for **bishop elect Peter Bartlett** & his wife **Sally** as they shortly prepare to leave for **Paraguay**. For God's overruling on the documentation & travel arrangements & for His encouragement & blessing on the **Bartletts** as they take up this new appointment. For their family who remain in England. Pray for the financial situation of the Diocese. With so many church members on minimum employment & given the world economic recession, pray that God will supply the financial needs. For faith & trust in His promises.