

Paraguay Prayer Calendar September & October 2013



Joint Mission Paraguay & FEISA
Toy Library play session



Football with a difference!
Summer Youth Camp



Christ the Saviour Anniversary Celebrations
Villa Guarani

Week Sun 15 – Sat 21 Sep: Always rejoicing!

Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Philippians 4:4

Let us rejoice in the Lord's goodness to Sharon McCririe, who suffered a stroke whilst out shopping in Asuncion. 'God-incidentally' the father of one of her former pupils was in the shop at the same time and recognized her and was able to go round to her house and advise her neighbours who very kindly lent the admission money required before the clinic would agree to treat her. Rejoice in the Lord's healing touch as she is progressing well and she using the hand, arm and leg that the doctors thought would remain paralyzed. Her family is planning to have her flown back to the States for rehabilitation. Please pray for Sharon's recovery and for further fruit from the seeds she has sown. Rejoice that the Lord causes the seeds his servants sow to grow and give fruit.

Chris Hawksbee asks us to rejoice, giving thanks and praise:

- the construction on the church building in La Paciencia, La Patria is nearing completion.
- for the ministry Celino Rodriguez has been able to exercise in La Paciencia whilst working on the Church building there, counselling and praying for people, bringing God's peace to people and prayer for healing. It has had an impact and also encouraged Pastor Niño Pepe and his wife. The presence of the Mission Paraguay has also been encouraging in the community.

Claire Holmes asks us to give thanks for Mission Paraguay and the successful visits of the 2 teams in July and August and all that was achieved during their time in Paraguay.

Miriam Greco asks us to rejoice and give thanks to the Lord for the young people that are part of the Anglican Church, for the growing youth group in the Luque church and for the newly formed Saturday afternoon group that meets in St Andrews of Saturday afternoons.

Pastor Luis asks us to give thanks for the Pepe Preschool at the church in Zeballos, especially for teacher Gloria and helper Catherina, and of course the children who attend.

We rejoice in the Lord's goodness to Viviana who receives a scholarship to study in FEISA: I'm 19 years old and I live with my parents and 4 siblings. My family has a very small income but I'm determined to get ahead and I'm therefore prepared to travel a long way for my studies. I live in a city that's 30 miles from Asuncion & this means I have to spend 3 hours travelling back & forth to FEISA each day as I really want to make a career in Early Years Education. Although I'm very proud of my parents, I don't want to repeat the same cycle of poverty. In fact, I want to become a professional teacher so that I can repay them for all that they have invested in me. I am thankful for all the support which is enabling me to do this! We thank the Lord for each student at FEISA and pray that the Lord will help them in their studies to become excellent teachers and teaching assistants.

We rejoice that recently there was much needed rainfall in the Chaco which is extremely dry and ask you to pray for the Lord to send more rain.

Thank you Lord for answered prayer for the Youth Camp and the gracious service of all who contributed.

I will turn their mourning into joy, give them consolation, and bring happiness out of grief. Jeremiah 31:13

Week Sun 22 – Sat 28 Sep – A new life style – gracious living

Let your graciousness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Philippians 4:5

Praise the Lord for the couples who took part in the recent Marriage Encounter. Please pray that the input they received will enable them to keep growing in love and graciousness. Pray also for the follow up growth meetings will help to nurture a new life style for many couples. Please pray for the preparation of more testimony and ministry couples for this much needed ministry.

We thank the Lord that he is very near to those who draw near to him. Pastor Agustin has been in the Chaco, please pray for him in all his meetings, both expected and unexpected, that the men, women, young people and children whom he meets with will draw near to the Lord. Holy Spirit may your streams of living water flow from him in your wisdom and graciousness. And may the Lord's angels protect him. Amen.

Just as Jesus' first disciples were so often ungracious so are we today. Ask the Lord to help you grow in grace and graciousness.

Please pray for the mother of Liz Paola. Liz was one of the Annexe school's top students and last month she was killed crossing a main road in Asuncion. Her mother's gracious words and testimony to her daughter's life touched many at the memorial service for Liz's life. Pray that her family and friends will be comforted by the Lord and that the seeds sown by her mother's words of faith and hope will bear fruit.

EJE Youth Encounter in the Spirit: Donald Brooks asks us to pray for the planning for the re-launching of EJE in November, especially praying for leaders David, Clarissa, Guille and Emilio. Pray that they would be helped by the Lord in all the planning meetings and practical details and be given wisdom as they deal with each young person who wants to help in this ministry, knowing best how to use the gifts and abilities of each one.

Please pray for the pastors and their wives: Peter & Sally; Andrés & Estela; Agustín & Teresa; Juan & Alicia; Lucio & Priscilla; Luis & Regina; Mario & Rosa; Robert & Cristina; Cefe & Ana; Agripino & Nilda; Lucho & Estela; Ronald & Nicky; Mario & Agustina; Niño Pepe & Feliciano; Romualdo & Yrna; Donald & Caroline, that each one would grow in graciousness in all their relationships.

Please pray for Teo and Lidia as they support Teo's brother through a very difficult time. Brother Diogenes is battling with cancer, his oldest son was killed by a drunk driver recently and his younger son was operated on 3 weeks ago for peritonitis. Let us pray for comfort, healing and quick recovery.

Week Sun 29 Sep – Sat 5 Oct: Zero worry, total trust, always grateful

Don't worry about anything, but in everything, through prayer and petition with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God. Philippians 4:6 These words of St Paul help us to focus on the Lord, especially in situations where things are out of our control. What a helpful model for prayers in difficult time!

Pastor Agustin asks us to pray for the St Andrews Cathedral congregation:

- the adolescents' Abundant Life group which meets on Sunday mornings and the young people who are to be baptised today Sunday 29th September
- the Lord's help in this new stage of the church's life
- Bible studies which take place in homes in three suburbs of the city
- those who are sick, whether in spirit, mind or body – for healing, especially Carmen, Mario y Nery
- the Lord's protection for church families

Thank you Lord for Salomon & Magdalena heading up the King of Kings church. Thank you for their testimony and witness in Remansito. May the Lord bless their ministry and their family.

Tim Curtis would value prayers for:

- his planning for his time of home ministry in 2014, January to the beginning of April
- that the Enxet translation team would finish the checking of the Enxet Old Testament by the end of December this year - 2013
- for the installation of the New Testament text onto their computers
- United Bible Society coordinator Tito LaHaye as he supports the translation team
- wisdom regarding planning for the publishing and printing of the entire Enxet Bible in 2015

Esperanza Foster Home ask us to give thanks for:

- House aunty Inocencia and her good running of the home and helper Marina
- 2 year old twin girls F & F who have are settled well, improving in health
- recent donations

please pray for:

- the search for a new house
- for Sally, Teresa, Ana Maria & Mari Liz as they meet together
- sound practice as the process of change to a charity comes into place, especially for wisdom in all the legal and bank papers that need to be put into place

Please pray for FEISA Director Ana Maria as she reorganises the toy library, that it may be used wisely to train children's' leaders in various congregations and ministries. We pray for the planning of a training course for children's' workers.

We pray for church leaders in the Chaco as they face the challenge of very rapid social, economic and spiritual problems and changes. We pray for Niño Pepe, Roberto, Mario R, Agripino, Mario C, Lucio, Juan and Romualdo. May they receive vision and hope from the Lord.

Week Sun 6 – Sat 12 Oct: Hearts and minds safe in Jesus

And the peace of God, which surpasses every thought, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:7

Sharon asks us to give thanks for young men who have become Christians in jail, who want to remain clean from drugs and help others to do the same. Please pray that these young men will make wise choices helping them form good friendships and good rehabilitated back into life outside prison. May they receive the Lord's peace and may they draw near to Christ Jesus so that he may guard their hearts and minds.

Please pray for the Asuncion pastors and leaders, continuing pastoral interviews with church members, for:

- wisdom
- professionalism & good organisation
- the guidance of the Holy Spirit

St Andrews Chapel, we pray for:

- Deborah recovering from a broken leg as a result of a bike accident and Sharon' recovering from a stroke
- wisdom for the Chapel committee, Bishop Peter, Sally, Jennifer, Coto and Chris
- impact on daily living through the discipleship sermons on the Lord Jesus' teaching about His Father

Please pray for the Diocesan Executive Committee, for Bishops Peter & Andres, Agripino, Donald, Luis, Mags, Romualdo and Sara. We continue to pray for the Diocese facing many economic challenges and we pray for wisdom and a moving from dependency to responsible stewardship, and from maintenance to mission. We pray for unity of purpose and good relationships and for a good response in the congregations to their proposals. We pray for Bishop Peter as he is visiting the congregations and teaching on discipleship, finances, generosity and tithing.

Please pray the Chaco communities where training workshops are to be held:

- La Herencia – basic electrics
- Palo Blanco – motorbike repairs
- La Rosa Cue – Handicrafts

We pray that these communities would grow in hope for the future, that there would be a good take up of the courses. May community resources would be used wisely and for wise, godly leadership. Let us also pray for protection for families in the communities where fathers are absent working on the ranches.

St Johns, King of Kings and Mirador: we ask the Lord for:

- Pastor Lucho, and the pastoral workers in all their responsibilities
- development of the children's work
- growth in the young people's work
- formation of more leaders
- that those who are currently unemployed would find work

Week Sun 13 – Sat 19 Oct: Godly Thinking

Finally brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable—if there is any moral excellence and if there is any praise—dwell on these things.
Philippians 4:8

Please pray for Paraguay as President Horacio Cartes faces challenges and his government has many issues to deal with: effecting changes in attitude, dealing with corruption, drugs related issues, land rights for indigenous peoples, teachers' strikes to mention just some of the challenges.

Rev Ronald Irene Irene asks us to pray for Christ the Saviour Church in Villa Guarani and we pray for:

- Ronnie and Nicky to be given wisdom, discernment and intelligence in their pastoral responsibilities
- good health for the Irene family
- Rachel, Natasha and Marcelo as they start to lead worship
- commitment to grow in those who attend
- faithful giving

We pray for our brother and sister Chris and Alison Hawksbee joining with them in pray for:

- the continued strengthening of the local churches both in the Chaco and the cities
- heavy frosts have taken their toll on the vegetation and especially on family gardens as Chris thinks that another emergency food situation could arise
- wisdom for Chris as he helps advise the new Governor of Presidente Hayes and his team on priorities for work in the Indian communities: pray for their funding in order to carry out relevant activities.
- Alison in her many and demanding responsibilities at work in Asuncion Christian Academy
- praise for the beekeeping project for Espinillo in conjunction with Apicsa

Lord Jesus, we pray for all Christian teachers that you will give them strength and wisdom. May their minds focus on truth, honour and justice. We pray especially for: Alison H, Hannah, Sam, Jaqui & Deborah and the Anglican members of St Andrews staff: Gwen Carlisle, Mags Southern, Caroline B, Esteban R, Nicky I, Raquel G, Neill B, Noemi R, Sarah M, Rita C, Miriam G, Regina E, Donald B, and chaplain Ronald I. We continue to pray for Julio and Nancy and the maintenance and cleaning teams. Amen.

Lord Jesus we thank you for the Parenting School which St Andrews School is starting to implement and for the interest that there is on the part of the parents to learn. We pray for your will to be done and your guidance. Will you raise up those who will guide and direct this ministry in your time which is always perfect. Amen.

Bishop Andres, Estela and Claire in Concepcion ask us to pray for:

- the Lord to continue to raise up new leaders
- the provision of jobs in Concepcion with fair pay and working hours – ‘many people work ten to twenty hours or more per week above and beyond what they are supposed to, and often wages aren't much more than half the minimum wage. We have lost a few leaders recently, due to either having to move away from Concepcion to look for a job, or having no spare time because of the long hours they are working.’
- for the young people who are starting to serve in different capacities
- the church preparing for Bishop Andres' retirement as Pastor of the church next year, that God will be leading and preparing the church for that time

Week Sun 20 – Sat 26 Oct: Called to care for others

I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that once again you renewed your care for me. Philippians 4:10

Please pray for the leaders of the Anglican Church in Paraguay, that each one would be renewed in their pastoral ministry. We pray that they would rejoice as they receive love and care from those they minister to. We remember: Peter & Sally; Andrés & Estela; Agustín & Teresa; Juan & Alicia; Lucio & Priscilla; Luis & Regina; Mario & Rosa; Robert & Cristina; Cefe & Ana; Agripino & Nilda; Lucho & Estela; Ronald & Nicky; Mario & Agustina; Niño Pepe & Feliciano; Romualdo & Yrna; Donald & Caroline; and Claire, the pastoral workers and all church council members.

Let us pray for young adults in the Anglican Church in Paraguay as they grow in love and service to the Lord, praying that many would respond to the Lord's call for their lives. We remember Charlie and Raquel, Amansio, Esteban and Iris and ask that each one would be guided as they develop their ministries and serve the Lord.

We remember in prayer this week those who work tirelessly in the Chaco, preaching and offering pastoral support. May their hearts be filled with joy, their lips sing the praises of their Saviour and their lives shine brightly for your glory. We pray that the Lord would renew the hearts of those they minister to. Especially we pray for Agustin, Beryl, Chris, Tim and Victor. We pray for churches in Rio Verde, Maxlawaya, La Patria, El Estribo and Sombrero Piri, that church members would grow in love and service in their communities and work alongside their leaders spreading the Good News.

St Andrews College Principal Gwen asks us to pray: The lower secondary boys seem to have been on a roll recently with bad behavior and we have one boy hanging in by his teeth! I feel sorry for their families and, in this case, the mother, who has made herself ill with worry. She's an ex pupil. Still, I am thankful that we are able to work together with the parents. Many cases involve the mis-use of their cell phones and they fail to realize how dangerous this can be. We called in an ex pupil who is a fiscal to talk to them. It was great to see this professional, responsible man, a strong Christian as I remembered him as a naughty 10 year old!

Donald Brooks says please pray for the church in Luque for the pastoral interviews and the discipleship programme. He also asks us to pray for the youth groups in the Cathedral and in Luque that many more young people would be reached with the Gospel and that the groups would continue to grow in maturity.

Pastor Luis in Zeballos Cue says please pray for:

- a good start to the discipleship programme
- the youth group to mature spiritually and form a strong group ready to work for the Kingdom
- older people who are have health problems
- strength and encouragement for the church council members
- the children who attend the Pepe preschool
- Gloria and her helpers in the preschool

Week Sun 27 – Thurs 31 Oct – Divine economics

And my God will supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus. Now to our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen. Philippians 4:19,20 Commenting on divine economics Corrie ten Boom succinctly reminds us: If God sends us on stony paths, he provides strong shoes.

This week as you pray take time to reflect on God's economy in your life. If you have specific needs, focus your full attention on the goodness and greatness of your Father rather than on the size of your need. Your need is tiny compared to His ability to meet it.

Please pray for those Christians in Paraguay who have grown up in situations which have meant trusting God as their provider is challenging. May their vision of God be transformed and may their path through life be greatly prospered.

Hello everyone. My name is Sandra Gonzalez. I'm single and I live with my parents. I have 5 siblings, 4 of whom are married, and they have some precious children whom I love more each day! I started working in FEISA 10 years ago, at the age of 17, when I was doing an internship in the administrative department here, while still at school. I enjoyed what I was doing and after leaving school, I went to university to study for a career in Business Administration. With God's help and a lot of hard work, I obtained my degree in Business Administration last year. Truth to tell, FEISA was a great help to me in my professional training as I was granted study leave for all my exams and I was also given some financial help during my final 2 years. I'm really delighted to know that you are praying for us, and especially for FEISA! I thank God for your lives and pray He will richly bless you all.

As you pray for your own needs and the needs others remember the words of St Augustine: *It is easy to want things from the Lord and yet not want the Lord Himself, as though the gift could ever be preferable to the Giver.*

Thank you for praying for the Anglican Church in Paraguay
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