

# MISSION PARAGUAY



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## Our Mission Statement:

Mission Paraguay supports the Anglican Church in Paraguay to share the love of Jesus and change lives, by providing funds and a volunteer work force for:

- practical projects, usually buildings;
- activities with children and young people;
- community based work to relieve hardship and need and encourage self sufficiency.

## 2011 PROJECTS

During 2011 Mission Paraguay plans to fund a range of projects arranged in consultation with the Anglican Church in Paraguay. While local labour is employed to undertake much of the work, during July and August, 18 volunteers from churches across Northern Ireland and England will each spend three weeks in Paraguay to assist with the projects.

**San Lorenzo** on the outskirts of Asunción (the capital) is an area of high deprivation, shanty housing and serious social problems where a dedicated group of local Christians has been working with children for over 20 years. Three years ago Mission Paraguay purchased land and has funded a building to provide a secure base to develop this work. This year we plan to build a shower and toilet block.



**Remansito** is an area characterised by high unemployment, timber homes, earth roads and no drains. The local church has a growing congregation and wishes to extend their building to enable them to grow their ministry to the local community particularly amongst the children and young people. In 2011 Mission Paraguay will provide the roof, structural framework and other building materials while the congregation raises money to fund labour costs.

For the first time this year Mission Paraguay will be funding **training materials for Pastors** in the Anglican Church.



A range of **other improvements and redecoration work at a number of Diocesan buildings in Asuncion, Concepción and the Chaco** will be financed this year.



*Essential improvements and storage areas are to be built at the timber church at Dos Palmas and the church at Maxkawayá built in 1906.*

*Redecoration work is planned at the Esperanza Foster Home in Asunción.*



For the last two years Mission Paraguay has been funding the building of simple one roomed **homes for Indian families in the Chaco**. They are built of locally made adobe bricks and replace makeshift homes of palm logs, corrugated sheets and polythene. Family members are trained to assist with the work. This year a further 10 homes will be built.



Building materials will be supplied to families for a number of **self help home improvements** in the Chaco and in some of the poorer areas on the outskirts of Asunción.



**Long drop toilets cabins** will be built for families to erect themselves in areas where there are no drains and very limited facilities.

**Water projects** - The Chaco suffers from prolonged drought for much of the year. In an area without a piped water supply it is therefore essential to store rainwater. Once again this year Mission Paraguay will be funding the building of an underground water storage tank to hold water collected from nearby roofs.



*Building a well in 2010.  
Three more are to be funded in 2011.*



**Children's work** - As in past years Mission Paraguay will provide funds to purchase equipment and consumable materials for a range of children's activities. Financial assistance will be given for the Saturday meals provided by local churches for some of the poorer children in their community. Clothes and toys sent from the UK will be distributed to local children in areas where the volunteers will be working.



**Medical work** - In 2010 we were able to fund five eye operations for people living in the Chaco. This year we plan to fund further treatment organised through Nurse Beryl Baker who works amongst the indigenous communities in the Chaco. As in past years, spectacles sent from the UK and Ireland will also be distributed.



**Sewing workshops** - Mission Paraguay will continue to provide any necessary financial support for the sewing workshops which have operated for the last three years in locations in Asunción, Concepción and at Rio Verde in the Chaco to encourage self sufficiency.

All of this work is made possible through the prayerful support and generosity of churches and individual supporters in the UK and Ireland.

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