

**PRAYER CALENDAR - Iglesia Anglicana Paraguaya - June 2008**

*Hebrews 11:1 "Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see."*

1. Pray for the nation of **Paraguay** at this very different stage in their history and for the preparations for the handover of power next month to **Fernando Lugo** of the **Radical Patriotic Party for Change**. This election result last month ended **60 years** of the **Colorado Party** rule.
2. Pray for the **9<sup>th</sup> Grade** pupils from **St. Andrew's School** who are visiting the **Paraguayan Chaco** to visit an ex teacher who is now the Head Teacher of a school there. The students are raising funds through a football competition in order to provide badly needed materials for the school.. Give thanks for these continuing opportunities for young people to learn more about their country.
3. Pray for the **pastors, church leaders & congregations in El Estribo, Chaco**. Give thanks that 3 of the communities have had a good sesame harvest & pray for plans to plant in other areas next year. Pray for **Chris Hawksbee** as he embarks on a programme to guide people over the good use of their income.
4. Continue to pray for the second bilingual **Alpha course** taking place in **San Andres** cathedral with new Christians from the last course taking part in the leadership of the groups. Pray for all the leaders & a deep work of the Holy Spirit in each of those attending.
5. There was an **Extraordinary Synod** on **May 31<sup>st</sup>** in Asuncion to make decisions over the appointment of a new Diocesan Bishop. Pray for God's guidance & strength for all concerned.
6. Pray for all the young people attending the **EJE weekend** starting today in Asuncion that they may enter into deeper relationship with the Lord & also within their own families. Pray for the coordinators & for the large backup team of young people who have previously participated in an **EJE weekend**.
7. Pray for all the preparations at **St. Andrew's School** for **Family Day** events this month. These give a great opportunity to reach parents & grandparents with the gospel message. For the parents' football & volleyball event in the sports ground at Surubii on June 12<sup>th</sup>.
8. Give thanks for **Beryl Baker's** medical ministry in the **Chaco**. Pray for strength & protection for her in the clinic & in her travels. Pray too for perseverance & good health for the indigenous health auxiliaries in their demanding work.
9. Continue to pray for a successor to temporary Director **Bill Lattimer** in the **SAMS** & for wisdom in the ongoing talks between **SAMS & CMS** with regard to a possible merger in the future. Give thanks for an encouraging increase in support for the work of **SAMS** this year.
10. Pray for each of the volunteers who will be working with **Mission Paraguay** during **July & August** & for **David Orritt** in his leadership. For sufficient funding for travel costs & for each project. Give thanks for the tremendous practical help & encouragement which has been given by volunteers in **Paraguay** over the past years.
11. Give thanks for a recent meeting in **El Estribo** led by a representative of the Ministry of Agriculture to talk about the authorisation of small farmers. Pray that **Esteban Galeano** from **El Estribo** who has recently been contracted by the government as one of their extension workers, will have his contract extended after July. Pray for him & his family & for his spiritual leadership in **Karanda**.
12. Pray for **Chris Hawksbee** as he accompanies indigenous leaders in their consultations with the newly elected **President, Fernando Lugo** with regard to new support programmes for the indigenous communities. Pray that **Lugo's** promises of agrarian reform may be wise & truly for the benefit of the whole country. So many times in the past promises given have not been realized.
13. Pray for **Tim Curtis** with **Martin, Asuncion & Juan** as they continue their work on the translation of the Old Testament into **Enxet** & for all who live in & take care of the **Anglican Centre in Rio Verde**. Give thanks that a flat within St. Andrew's School has been provided for **Tim's** use during his visits to Asuncion. Pray for his safety in travel both in the **Chaco** & on the **Transchaco Road**.
14. Pray for the **Zeballos Cue** congregation, giving thanks for increasing participation of the members there. Pray for **pastor Luis & Regina** & their family & for **Luis** in his theological studies. Pray too for wisdom over higher grades to be available in the **PEPE** preschool & for all who work in the weekly **Comedor** for children. Pray for **Maria de Coronel** who is undergoing treatment for breast cancer.
15. Pray for strength & perseverance for **Ed & Mari Brice** in their ministry amongst the **Chaco** communities.& pray for God's guidance over their home ministry leave in the UK. Give thanks for **Mari's** creativity with puppets & pray that this may be a good means of teaching children within the **Chaco** churches. Pray that ministry amongst children & young people may be seen as a vital part of church life in all the **Chaco** communities & pray for the pastors, deacons & pastoral assistants in all the different areas..
16. Pray for the faithful members of the congregation in **Rio Verde** & their witness in the town. For God's overruling & provision for those who receive such small wages for very long hours of work & are consequently exhausted & with little time for family life or Bible study. For pastor **Ed Brice** as he ministers to them &

for those who make regular pastoral & teaching visits from **Asuncion**. For health & strength for lay leader **Dona Bety**.

17. Pray for good health & strength for **Sra. Estela** & all the staff at **FEISA** & for the 70 students in their different courses. Continue to pray for **Samantha Parsons** & the team who organize the Pre-school training programme for mothers in the **Chaco** & for their safety in travel. For **Esteban Echeverria** as he drives the truck & also oversees the weekly work in **Yatnata**. For **Sra. Estela** in her regular contacts with the Board of the **Evangelical University** in Asuncion.
18. Pray for strength & wisdom for auxiliary **bishop Andres** in his **Concepcion** ministry & in his wider diocesan responsibilities at this time. For his wife **Estela** as she supports her own family & also her elderly parents in Luque. For the spiritual growth of the young couples & families in the congregation.
19. Pray for **Claire & Norma** as they continue to take Bible classes in two schools in **Concepcion** & for the ministry amongst young people & children in & around **Concepcion**. For **pastor Guillermo & Rosi** & their family & **Guillermo**'s more specific evangelistic & teaching ministry in the rural areas. For Christian leaders to emerge to give leadership in these outlying towns & villages.
20. Give thanks for the constant flow of people in **St. Andrew's** English speaking congregation & for the renovation of the chapel building. Pray for **pastor Patrick & Rosie** in their contacts there with both expatriate & Paraguayan people that many may respond to the gospel message.
21. Pray for **pastor Agustin & Teresa** & the **San Andres** morning congregation & also with contacts through the **Annexe School**. Pray for **Gloria** from the **Chacarita**, who has a traumatic family background but has recently become a Christian. For her discipleship & healing of memories. For **Victor Santa Cruz**, the Head of the **Annexe School** & his staff.
22. Pray for **pastor Cefe, Ana** & the lay leaders in **Roque Alonso** & for the annexe churches in **Remansito & Mirador**. For vision & unity as they evangelize the area around the churches & also reach out to **Limpio & Emboscada**. For **Adelio & Isabel** as they care for the retreat centre in formation in **Emboscada** that this may be steadily built up & become a place for spiritual teaching & fellowship for the **Asuncion** Christians. For the development of a house group in the area.
23. Pray for pastor **Tony & Chris Somervell** as they sort, pack & prepare to leave **Asuncion** next month & for the future leadership of the **Villa Guarani** congregation. Give thanks for **Donald Brooks** who is regularly visiting there in the interim period. For **Alex, Patrick & Ceci** as they leave their school & their friends & return to the **UK**.
24. Pray for **pastor Jorge, Rebeca** & the **Luque** congregation & give thanks for their leadership of the last **EMA** weekend. Pray for all the preparations for the **Mission Paraguay** volunteers arriving in July & for the outreach in **San Lorenzo**.
25. Pray for the **IGCSE** certificates ceremony tomorrow night & for the **2<sup>nd</sup> Form** who will be doing a presentation, that these students may be enthused for their exams later in the year. Pray too for the teaching, administrative & maintenance staff of **St. Andrew's School**. Also in the light of requests from parents for help in parenting skills, there will be a talk by a Christian psychologist before the handing out of reports next week. Pray for a good receptivity.
26. Pray for **Saul & Norma** as they oversee the indigenous hostel in **Concepcion** & for good spiritual contact with the indigenous visitors. For outreach in the centre of the city & for **El Puente**, a coffee bar style outreach to young people.
27. Give thanks for the steady growth in the **San Andres** evening congregation & pray for wisdom for **pastor Patrick & Rosie** as they delegate, teach & encourage the leaders. The majority of the church members are university students. Pray for opportunities for the leaders to get the training & experience they need & pray for **Raquel Greco** as she comes to the end of her 2 years theological training in **Chile** and seeks work with the church on her return.
28. Give thanks for stronger links between the **Makxawaya & Monte Alto** communities. Pray that this may continue & for **pastor Juan & deacon Romualdo** in their ministry. For the work amongst young people there.
29. Give thanks for the work of the **Esperanza Foster Home**. Pray for **Juana** & her team & each of the little ones awaiting adoption. For wisdom for **Murray & Penny** in its future development as they prepare to return to the **UK** at the end of the year. Pray for the **Metcalfes** as they work out God's plan for the next stage of their lives.
30. Pray for the church leaders in **La Patria** – **pastor Robert, deacons Mario, Nino Pepe & Agripino** & their pastoral assistants. Pray for the granting of credit for several of the villages there who wish to plant sesame next year. Pray too for God's guidance & overruling over the possibility of a regional office for Indian Affairs based in the **Chaco** with possible employment of some of the local Christians. Pray that indigenous leaders will not be drawn away to the cities & towns but are able to remain in the **Chaco** with their families.