

Linn Tedman's News June 2008

Thanks

Many thanks for your response to my last newsletter. It was really good to hear from people.

Thank you all for your prayers. Adela's face healed but this week she had to rush off to the hospital again. The school sent her to a top plastic surgeon. She was given some worrying news and now panics if there is the slightest sign of swelling. She cannot tell if there is an infection because her nerves have been damaged. She continues to need your prayers.



Chris Somervell has returned from UK to be with her children. This is a difficult time emotionally, as she begins to get things ready for their return to England in July. Please pray for them all. Tony will join them in mid June.

The Churches

Another Alpha course in both Spanish and English has been running for quite a while now in the St. Andrew's churches. It should finish in June. It is a real blessing to those on the course.

Our congregation at Cristo Salvador remains very small, but we are enjoying our times together with the Lord on Sundays and we are waiting on Him to see what the future holds.

This Saturday (31st May) there is an extraordinary Synod in Asuncion to propose a new bishop for the diocese.



The school

This month we celebrated Mother's Day in the Primary department. The children from each class gave a short presentation of songs and poetry for their mothers and presented them with flowers. This was followed by a snack time for the Mothers.

We also celebrated Paraguay's Independence Day. The children gave a good presentation and we all had a day off.

The Country

The cost of petrol went up again at the beginning of the month. Bus fares rose the next day but a judge said that the bus companies had not complied with the law so they came down again a day later.

There have been price rises on many products as a result of the rise in petrol prices. Inflation is a constant topic of conversation, but I suppose that it is a global topic these days.

As well as price rises, the crisis in Argentina, where roads have been blocked, has led to a shortage of many of our favourite Argentinean products in our shops.

Politically it has been quite a month. The Colorado Party continues to be in turmoil. Many are demanding that Nicanor should resign as party president. He is refusing to go. However, he has announced that he will be giving in his resignation as President of the country in June. This has caused a mixed reaction in the Senate. Nicanor has been under pressure from many politicians.

President Nicanor has also been under pressure from the poorer sector of society. The campesinos have been trespassing on private land and setting up tent villages. Nobody is doing anything to evict them. The land owners are furious.

The 'Sin techos' (homeless) people have been demonstrating in force in the city this month demanding more housing.

Meanwhile President-elect Fernando Lugo has been travelling all over the country looking at various situations. He has also been holding 'surgeries' in Asuncion. Large numbers of people from all sectors of society have queued long hours to see him. He seems to be making an inventory of issues that need attention when he comes into full power.

Prayer Points

1. Please pray for President Nicanor and also for Fernando Lugo the President-elect. Pray for the Lord to guide and protect them during this time of change.
2. Pray for the poor in Paraguay as price rises bite very hard. Pray for the Lord to meet their needs.
3. We have had a few 'ups and downs' at school this month which have needed careful handling. Please pray for Mags and Gwen, our directors, to have the Lord's wisdom in dealing with parents and students at this time. Pray for protection over the school.
4. Please pray for the good health of staff and students in the St. Andrew's schools. The weather keeps changing from hot to cold very quickly. Sudden temperature change brings colds and influenza with it.

We have a big production for Family Day coming up in a few weeks time. Pray for the children to remain healthy for practices etc.

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