



News and Prayer Requests from Linn Tedman in Paraguay

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Thank you...

... for all your prayers. The Lord has been faithful in His response. The Diocese has received some help to keep the water tanker going into communities, so thank you for that. Beryl Baker also received help to buy some drugs that she needed for treating those suffering in the drought. Best of all, God has sent much-needed rain, which has helped to get clean water into some water cisterns. It has also given relief from the very high temperatures that we have been experiencing lately as summer is almost upon us.

School News

As usual school has been a busy place this month, but now the main focus is on exams. Last week our volunteer helper from UK, Norman, supervised the pupils as they took their annual Cambridge Trinity oral exams. We are delighted that we had a hundred per cent pass rate at all levels.

Today (Thursday 30 October) Norman should fly back to UK. (His flight was delayed a day by stormy weather). We are so grateful for his input here.

The secondary department has begun exams with some taking International GCSEs and others taking end-of-year exams. The Primary department begins next week.

As light relief some Primary pupils took part in an inter-school sporting competition last weekend. They came back with several trophies for tennis and golf.

The Secondary department had a Fun Day with our Annexe school pupils, out at our Sports Ground at Surubii on Tuesday. A good time was enjoyed by all who participated.

The pupils have now said "Farewell" to the Sixth form, with a service and celebrations. They will just come in for exams now.

The Church

I am delighted to report that Cristo Salvador Church, which I attended for ten years, is now having services again. These have been started on Sunday evenings by the people who have done the Marriage Encounter weekends. Unfortunately I cannot get to them as travel by bus at night is dangerous, so I remain with the Cathedral congregation.

This past weekend was the Alpha Away day. I spoke to Elaine Black and she said that in many ways it was a most uplifting weekend for the helpers as much as for those on the course.



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The Country

There continues to be much unrest among the country people who have no land on which to live. They had been invading private property and setting up camps. Now the Government is clamping down hard and is maintaining the rights of land owners, so 'invaders' are being evicted by the army and police. Meanwhile President Lugo said that the government is trying to work on a solution but it will not happen overnight.



More people became homeless last Friday night when we had a massive storm with winds of 150kms which passed through the city and some surrounding areas. It was spectacular but the devastation in its wake was terrible, with houses destroyed and trees and electricity cables down all over



the area. I had water pouring through my roof and down the wall in my kitchen area, and there was a flood in the passageway outside my front door with a flood coming under the door. I was fortunate and escaped lightly compared to others!

The Trans Chaco Rally was finally allowed to go ahead after the rain came.

This week a European Company has started searching for uranium in Paraguay..... (The mind boggles!).

Prayer Points:-

1. Please continue to pray for President Lugo in these difficult days. There have been many unfair criticisms of his government already. Pray for true wisdom as they try to work on all the needs here, to say nothing of the global recession and economic problems.
2. Give thanks that we have received several reports of rain in the Chaco. In the area around Filadelfia there has been plenty of rain. Rio Verde has had some rain and there is greenery about, but the rain has not yet filled all the wells. However, In La Patria there has been little rainfall. Please pray for the Lord to send sufficient rain to **all** the Chaco areas, so that planting can begin. They need to grow food.
3. Please pray for the pupils and staff of St. Andrew's during this exam and report-writing season. Pray for good health as we are all becoming very tired, especially with the heat and humidity.



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