

Linn's News September 2008

Thanks

Thank you all for your prayers this month. The second Mission Paraguay team departed last week. They enjoyed good weather and wonderful experiences during their visit. They worked hard and were an encouragement to many people in Paraguay.

Thanks for your prayers for teachers. The Lord has sent a new part-time teacher for Primary. Belinda Van Rensburg. She is South African.

The School



The past month has been busy again. The children in Primary were all involved in a musical production of Samuel's early life. They did two performances for students in other departments and two performances for parents. It was all very colourful. Everybody enjoyed participating and the parents were very appreciative of the hard work put into the production.

The day after the last performance we celebrated Family Day. It was held at our Sports ground. It was a beautiful day, full of fun activities and many families attended.

A group of secondary school pupils received a request for help this month. As a result they journeyed to the Chaco for a night to deliver much needed materials to a school that had nothing to work with. An ex-teacher from St. Andrew's is teaching there.

The church



The second Mission Paraguay team came to work in the Diocese this month. There were two groups. One went to work in the Rio Verde area in the Chaco, working mainly on construction projects and running children's clubs. The other group went to Concepcion to work with the team there doing painting and decorating, building work and children's clubs.



During their visit a terrible electric storm in the Concepción area produced high winds and large hailstones which damaged many homes and flattened important crops. A National state of emergency was

declared. Many homes were without electricity and water for several days.

People from both teams visited Maxawaya, where 30 homes had damaged roofs and the church lost a large part of its roof. The church is the first Anglican church that was built in Paraguay, so it is a historic building. We are hoping to be able to restore it.

The country



On 15th August Fernando Lugo was inaugurated as President of Paraguay. Presidents and princes were invited to the event but the media focussed mainly on the presidents from Venezuela, Bolivia and Iran, also on the representative from Cuba. Lugo has been working on alliances with these nations.

The day of the inauguration was bright and sunny. There was great celebration in the city.

Lugo is already making his presence felt as President. Within the first two days in office he had signed many documents to pave the way for new reforms to be introduced. He has also been working on his relationships with neighbouring countries. Japan has offered 20 million US\$ per annum to fight corruption and to aid health and education. We are expecting big changes. He wants to nationalize many companies. We can only wait and see what happens and trust that the Lord has ultimate control over everything.

Personal news.

About a fortnight ago I fell on a staircase in school. It took me ten days of painful walking before an x-ray revealed that I had broken a toe. I am still hobbling around. It is really frustrating and I have needed patience with myself. I am due to return to the hospital on Wednesday.

Prayer points.

1. Pray for the Lord to grant special wisdom to Fernando Lugo and his government as they bring change to the country. Pray that he will not lose sight of the Lord's Will for Paraguay.
2. Praise the Lord for sending Belinda to the Primary department. Please continue to pray for more teachers. The head of the secondary English department has returned from UK but it is still very difficult to cover all the classes. Pray that the Lord will send somebody to us soon.
3. Pray for the children in St. Andrew's as they write exams. Pray for a calm atmosphere because they can become boisterous following an exam.
4. Give thanks for the second Mission Paraguay team and all that they achieved. Pray that they will be richly blessed by all that they have seen and done and that they will be a real witness in churches back home as they inform people about Mission in Paraguay.

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