



THE IRENES IN PARAGUAY



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Three months, three ministries

We have now been in Paraguay for three months and we feel very happy and blessed. We are in love with this country! God has shown us his faithfulness in various ways and his precious love towards us.



During these three months, God has been clearly showing us his will in our lives, where and what he wants us to do and work, and to be honest there is a lot for us to do in Paraguay. After the necessary time to adjust to everything, the climate, just being aware of the reality here, getting to know the places where we will be working, the future seems demanding but promising!

We will divide this brief report into three parts: Our home, our church and the school.

Our Home

When we moved we had four furniture items and little by little we have been able to add more things, beds, and kitchen utensils. Brothers and sisters in Christ have kindly donated furniture and curtains and every day we are equipping our house more and more. We can say that our main worry since we arrived has been the constant health problems from Danny, our youngest, to Ron, our oldest; we have all had some health issue. We have just decided to call this 'the change in climate', and at the end of the day it is a small price to pay compared with living in this beautiful country. God is good!

The churches

Ron has been working in two churches under Bishop Peter Bartlett's supervision. The two congregations meet in the same building, which is the Cathedral of 'The Anglican Church in Paraguay'. It is ironic that the two congregations have the same name but the difference is the timetable. One is San Andres morning and the other San Andres evening. Ron is co-pastor in both congregations. They are very

different, even age wise and what they have in common is that they both are in tremendous need for raising and training National leaders, which is to identify the servant in each leader. The work is quite demanding, but it would be impossible to do if at any moment we think that we can do this by our own strength.

from March, Ron has had an office in the school. The good thing is that the diocese, school and churches are all next to each other. This is our center during the week and our children are also studying at this school.



'I can do everything through him who gives me strength'

The School

Even though we knew that Nicky would be working as a teacher in San Andres Anglican School, it was a surprise for Ron the need that the school had for a school chaplain. From January to April Ron has given more than 10 talks to parents, staff and kids, he will also be giving pastoral counseling. The need is big and it is an opportunity to join the school, the parents and the church. As

Prayer requests and needs

We ask for your prayers, mainly for discernment and wisdom, for our family's health and our biggest immediate need which is a car. Our house is a 20 minute drive from the school and as we are 5 the only way of getting to school is hanging out of two buses or taking a taxi every day which is very expensive.

We leave you in Jesus's name until our next newsletter. God bless,

In Christ
Irene family

