

Esperanza

Foster Home



COULD YOU HELP ?

Esperanza was opened in 2005 and has become an example of "best practice" according to the Paraguayan authorities. There is very little foster-style care available and many children risk becoming institutionalised in large Children's Homes so it is important to keep Esperanza functioning for as long as possible. Could you help the Anglican church in Paraguay continue to make a lasting difference to children's lives? They need about £20,000 per year to pay basic costs such as food, salaries, house rental and utilities. Please consider helping by completing the attached section for donors. Thank you.

For more information, email Penny and Murray Metcalfe at metcalfe.pm@gmail.com



"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. "

Jeremiah 29:11

Donations are administered by the South American Mission Society of Ireland (Charity Number XR67448).

* Online donations can be made at www.samsireland.com by clicking on support. Please state that the money is for Esperanza, Paraguay.

* Donations by cheque should be made out to SAMS Ireland and sent to SAMS House at the address below. Please include a note stating that the money should go to the Esperanza Home in Paraguay. Please also include the Gift Aid Statement overleaf if appropriate.

* Standing orders can be set up by filling in the form below.

To the Manager : (Full name and address of your bank or building society).....

Postcode.....

Please pay : Ulster Bank, 11 – 16 Donegall Square East, Belfast, BT1 5HD

Sort Code: 98 – 00 – 60 Account Number: 52908134 Account Name: South American Mission Society (Ireland)

The sum of £..... (in figures) (in words)

Commencing on (date) and continuing thereafter monthly / quarterly / annually until further notice.

Name of account to be debited:..... Account number:.....

Address of donor.....

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I wish this money to be used to help the Esperanza Foster Home in Paraguay. Signature.....

Please fill in the Gift Aid form overleaf if appropriate and send to SAMS House, 1, Irwin Crescent, Lurgan, Craigavon, N. Ireland BT66 7EZ.

Please tick if you would like to receive updates about the Esperanza Foster Home

Thank you!

"ESPERANZA" means "HOPE"

The Esperanza Fostering Project brings hope to some of the abandoned and abused children of Paraguay by providing them with a loving home whilst they await a permanent family.



THE NEED FOR HOPE

Paraguay is a country with a high level of poverty. Hunger, addictions, domestic abuse and unwanted pregnancies are commonplace. The infant mortality rate is amongst the most worrying in South America and large numbers of children are abandoned or taken into care. Children's Homes are bursting at the seams, unwilling to turn youngsters onto the streets but suffering the sad consequences of overcrowding. UNICEF has recently observed that the current economic crisis means that the already poorly resourced Paraguayan Social Services are unable to protect children's human rights effectively.



CHANGING LIVES

The Esperanza Foster Home was founded on the belief that the benefits of a loving family environment will be seen throughout a child's life. For this reason, only five children under five years old are cared for at any one time so as to maximise all aspects of healthy development. The children often arrive suffering from conditions such as emotional trauma or malnutrition but the progress they make in just a few months is thrilling to observe. Juana, their full time foster mum, lives with them in a rented house in a safe area of Asuncion. She is helped by other part time carers and volunteers. The project is run by the Anglican Church of Paraguay and supports the State Adoption Centre. Paraguayan Social Services investigate the circumstances of each child in order to ascertain if they can return to their birth family or go to an adoptive family within Paraguay. This process can be frustratingly lengthy and some children have spent up to two years with Juana.



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Declaration for Tax Reclaim Purposes

I declare my intention that tax be recovered under the Gift Aid Scheme on all donations I have made to the South American Mission Society in the past 6 years and all donations made hereafter. I understand that I may notify you of cancellation of the agreement at any time. I understand that for donations to be treated as Gift Aid donations I must have paid income tax or capital gains tax in each year to cover the amount of tax that the South American Mission Society will reclaim on my giving. If I cease to pay this amount of tax I will notify you.

Signed Date