



News from Paraguay

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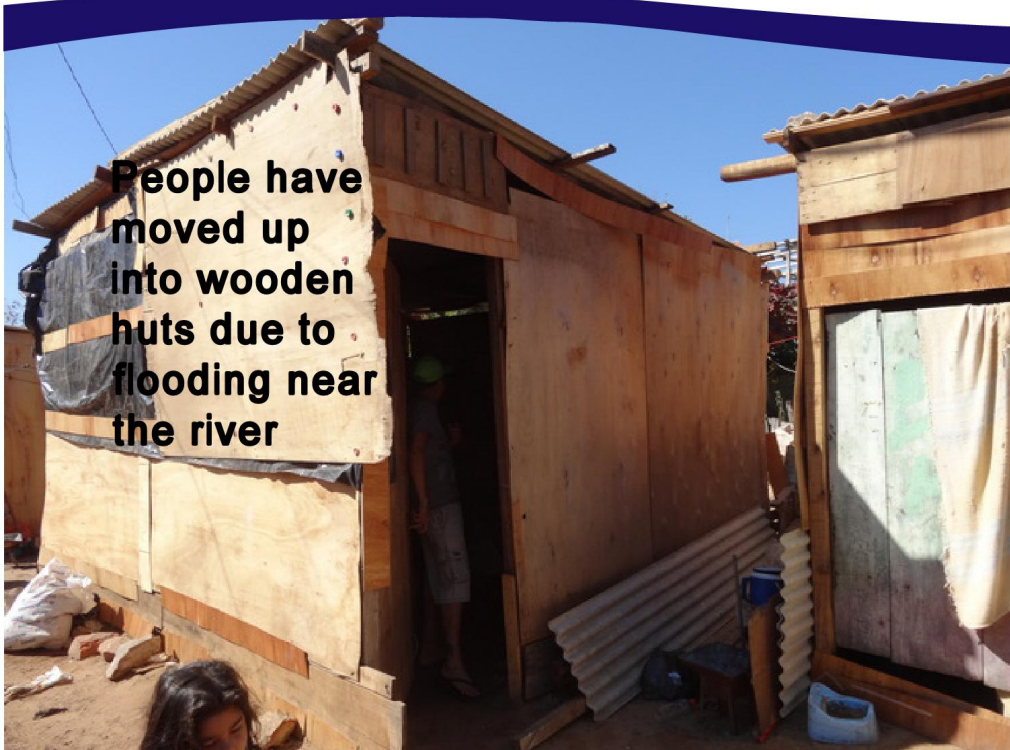
Sunday lunch with the visitors from the UK and Peter and Sally Bartlett.

Dear Friends,

It seems we have swapped climates for now! We are freezing here, with temperatures down to zero this morning, whilst you all seem to be roasting. It's been cold all week and the Ministry of Education declared an extra weeks holiday last week knowing it was forecast for cold weather now. We debated having classes anyway as we have heating in school but in the end we decided to take the week too....just as well as it seems to have been colder than expected!

There was already a lot of flu round school before we finished classes for the holidays. It was great to get a break a week after all our 50th anniversary celebrations...we were all ready for it! We still had a visitor here for the first week. Pat stayed on to see people here whilst we took advantage of being able to have a few lie ins. We also managed to get quite a lot of things done and it was great that Olga was well again and able to come back and get the house back into shape. The extra week has been an added bonus and meant we were able to do even more. We went into school on Monday to prepare work to send home and then tomorrow, we go in again to get things ready for Monday. Apart from that we have been sewing, knitting, washing and Mags was painting the patio chairs today. We also managed to prepare our church service for August 4th as well as a few assemblies and meditations we have lined up.

The Chacarita



People have moved up into wooden huts due to flooding near the river



As we go back we have our inter school sports competition on August 3rd. This is the one cancelled due to rain in July. We have a number of primary schools taking part in this. On the 30th of July we celebrate Friendship day and then on August 15th we celebrate Children's day. The primary pupils also have exams in August...life seems one long exam for them as they have them three times a year from 6 years old.



We enjoyed the Moscow Ice show



Arriving at the Annexe



At the end of August we have our official IGCSE certificate ceremony and we are so pleased to know that the British Embassy is about to return and that the new ambassador will be here then to hand out the certificates. In between these events we hope to get down to some work. too!!