

Report for Church AGM 2009

The last 12 months have seen considerable progress for OSA, thanks to answered prayer and huge support from APC. In January 09 we published the following summary:

What have we achieved?

- Registration as a UK charity
- Recognition in Paraguay as an international charity
- Appointment of Osvaldo Recalde as Director of Operations in Paraguay
- Continued support for daily feeding program of up to 150 children in the Quyquyhó area
- Support for 13 children taken in by the Recaldes
- Purchase of a substantial property in Quyquyhó, Paraguay
- Building of a Comedor (dining facility) and caretaker's house on the new property
- Establishment of a base for the Charity in Quyquyhó with facilities for volunteers to stay
- Renovation of a well for the irrigation of new crops
- Preparation of the land and planting of crops to support the feeding programme
- Education of children in basic gardening methods
- Renovation of house for an elderly lady and her young "daughter"
- Gifts of clothes, toys and other useful items from Aldridge to Paraguay by container
!!!! STOP PRESS: It has finally arrived after 5 months !!!
- A sponsorship programme for child education and support

What are the plans for the future?

This year:

- An extension to the main house to provide more accommodation
- Building of chicken runs and pig sties to subsidise food costs and develop children's farm skills
- An irrigation project for the kitchen garden crops
- The development of an educational toy library which can be taken out into the surrounding area

In the future:

- Building a playground for small children
- Basic skills for young mums
- IT facilities for employability skills
- A cottage industry programme based on textiles and indigenous skills

Our website, operationsouthamerica.com gives basic information about our work and contains back copies of our Newsletter, "Update" now up to edition 7, although printed copies are usually available in church and we have both mailing and emailing lists for interested supporters.

We have maintained close links with several small groups which are giving valuable prayer support, in addition to generous financial donations. In fact, a group are sponsoring one of the children in Quyquyhó. One thing APC folk are very good at is eating. In the last 12 months different groups have held a barbecue, a curry evening and a chicken run meal, all of which raised hundreds of £'s for OSA funds! Thank you.

What do we want from you now?

- Your continued interest and support
- Your prayers
- Your generosity as a regular or occasional giver
- Your skills as a volunteer, where appropriate