

PRAYER CALENDAR - Iglesia Anglicana Paraguaya - October 2008

John 7:37-38 "Jesus said...if anyone is thirsty let him come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me...streams of living water will flow from within him. By this he meant the Spirit...."

1. Pray for good health & relaxation for the staff & pupils of **St. Andrew's** & the **Annexe schools** during their half term this week, especially remembering Head Teacher **Gwen Carlisle** & Deputy Head **Mags Southern** in their overall responsibility. For the students preparing to take **IGCSE** exams that they may prepare well for them.
2. It is now many months since rain has fallen in **Sombrero Piri, Makxawaya, La Patria & El Estribo** causing much hardship for the indigenous communities. Pray for their health & for sufficient food supplies to come through the national emergency committee. The young **Enxet children** are particularly vulnerable & there have been several deaths from respiratory problems. Pray for parents who have lost sons or daughters in this way & for the health auxiliaries in their work..
3. Pray for spiritual refreshment for **pastor Elvio** and his wife **Lorenza** in **Yatnata**, Sombrero Piri as the pressure of drought conditions has badly affected the people there. Pray that in the midst of climatic drought the **Christians** might be strengthened to look to God in faith & receive an outpouring of spiritual blessing & encouragement. For the church members in nearby **Rio Verde**.
4. Pray for **Chris Hawksbee** as he works alongside the indigenous leaders in the **Chaco**. That he may have discernment & give good guidance to the communities as they look for more political help from the new President & his government, yet keep Christ as the anchor for their lives. It is a very challenging time for the **Chaco** congregations & they need our constant prayer support.
5. Continue to pray for **Rev. Peter & Sally Bartlett** as they make their many preparations prior to leaving the **UK** for **Paraguay** & for the finance & prayer support needed for them in their forthcoming Episcopal ministry.
6. Pray for **Juana** & the team at **Esperanza Foster Home** & for each little one there & give thanks that the oldest two are now able to attend a local preschool. This has helped their development & meant they can enjoy different opportunities & companionship with other children. Give thanks for the Christian love & care they receive at **Esperanz**, (seen by the Adoption Agency as a superb model), & pray for each child who has already been adopted into a new family.
7. Pray for **Murray & Penny** & their children as they prepare to leave **Paraguay** in December & for **pastor Agustin & Teresa**, who pastor the **San Andres** morning congregation, who will continue the supervision of **Esperanza Foster Home** after their departure.
8. Pray for Head teacher **Victor Santa Cruz** & his staff at the **Annexe School** for underprivileged children., especially as they prepare for exams at the end of the month. Give thanks for the daily opportunity to read God's Word & pray. For difference this has made in so many children's lives. Pray too for **Sharon McCreerie** (SAMS USA) in her ministry with the pupils & their families.
9. Pray for the students as the **IGCSE** exams start today at **St. Andrew's School**. Pray for God's peace in the school & also for all the pupils who will be taking their national & English exams next month. For strength & good concentration for everyone as the temperature & humidity increases.
10. Pray that it may be possible to repair the roof of the historic church in **Makxawaya** which was damaged during a tornado in the **Chaco** recently. It is the place where the gospel was first preached to the **Enxet** people & the work of the **Anglican church** began. Give thanks for the increasing number of young people there who are reading the **Enxet New Testament** & pray for **pastor Juan & deacon Romualdo** & other leaders. Pray for strength for **Tim Curtis** as he helps the music groups to visit other church communities & be mutually encouraged. For the finance to cover costs of fuel & food on the journeys.
11. Pray for the **3rd Alpha Course** continuing at **San Andres** cathedral church in the centre of **Asuncion**, which brings 3 congregations together in mission. Give thanks & pray for **Ximena** who was recently baptized who, with her parents, became Christians during the first **Alpha Course**. For **pastors Agustin & Patrick** & their teams of lay leaders. Also pray for the witness of **St. Andrew's** congregation to English speaking visitors & temporary residents.
12. Give thanks for the last **EMA** weekend for married couples. Pray for the present leadership team, **pastor Jorge & Rebeca, pastor Agustin & Teresa, Juan Carlos & Silvia Caceres & Miguel & Miriam Greco**, giving thanks for this wonderful ministry formerly headed up by pastor **Tony & Chris Somervell**. Pray for sufficient funding to enable couples who have been blessed through **EMA**, but only have a very small income, to still be able to invite & sponsor other couples. The cost of the weekend is the responsibility of the couple who give the invitation & can often hinder this ministry in the poorer congregations.
13. Pray for those now leading services in **Villa Guarani** church & especially inviting couples who have participated in **EMA** weekends during the last **10 years**. Pray that this may draw people who have no church allegiance into a Christian fellowship & help them to keep God at the centre of their marriages & their family life.
14. Pray for strength & wisdom for **bishop Andres & Estela** in their wide ministry, especially as **Estela** is often travelling to Asuncion to support her elderly mother who is unwell. Give thanks that the building work continues in **Yvapobo** (60

kms from Concepcion) & pray for the group there & for **pastor Guillermo** as he regularly visits them. For God to raise up future leaders for that congregation.

15. Give thanks for the many volunteers who helped in **Concepcion** over the past months & for all that was achieved. Pray for strength & wisdom for **David Orritt** the coordinator of **Mission Paraguay** volunteers, as he encourages these links to continue & considers future projects.
16. Pray for **Tim** & his team of **Bible translators** in **Rio Verde**. **Martin** has completed his draft of **Joel** & this will be checked by the team & by others during this month. **Asuncion** has begun work on **Isaiah** & **Juan** is restructuring **1Kings**, so pray for good health & concentration for each one & for **Tim** as he supervises & encourages them. For their spiritual wellbeing & that of their families & for **Nelson, Carmen** & their family as they look after the **Anglican Centre** in **Rio Verde**. For God's protection for each person & the buildings.
17. Give thanks for encouragement in a meeting for married couples recently in the **Zeballos Cue** congregation. Pray for **pastor Luis** in his ministry & in his post ordination theological studies in the university. Give thanks for his leadership of the young people & for the support of his wife **Regina** & their family. For **Gloria** as she heads up the **PEPE** preschool & for the team who run the **Saturday** lunches for underprivileged children. Pray that all the members will use these outreach projects for evangelism & integrating folk into the church.
18. Pray for **Beryl** in her **Chaco** clinic & for the health auxiliaries in each **Chaco** community. Pray that several of the small & ineffective health posts in the Chaco may be upgraded & properly equipped by the Ministry of Health to serve the indigenous communities. This would lessen the pressure of work on **Beryl**.
19. Give thanks for the positive response to the recent visit of **Love for Life** volunteers from **Ireland** to schools in **Concepcion & Asuncion**, to give talks about sexuality & relationships. Pray that the young people will continue to reflect on what they heard & base their decisions & behaviour on God's purposes & not conform to the pressure of modern western practices.
20. Pray for **Claire Holmes** & her team in their very full children's ministry in **Concepcion** & other neighbouring areas. Pray for the new group forming in **Ramonita** on **Fridays** with about 50 children & some youth & adults attending.
21. **St. Andrew's School** urgently needs **Secondary teachers** for next **February** for English, Maths & Computing. Pray that Christian **Secondary school teachers** might respond to this need. Pray too for the **6th Form** students who start their final exams next week.
22. Continue to pray for the nation of **Paraguay** at this time of change of government. **President Lugo** has promised to fight poverty & corruption & he himself will not receive a salary for his position. Pray that he might have wisdom & discernment & good support from his senators.
23. Give thanks for good progress with **Enxet** school materials being prepared for **FEISA** by **Remigio Romero** & for the frequent visits by **FEISA** staff to the **Chaco** villages. Pray for wisdom after the fact finding trip by **Samantha** & others to **La Patria** community. Pray for **Sra. Estela** & the team responsible for the running of the **Faculty** & for the teaching & administrative staff.
24. Give thanks that **Esteban Galeano** as an employee of the Min. of Agriculture, is still allowed to work with **Chris Hawksbee** in training people to drill wells in their communities. In some areas there is non-salty water beneath. Pray for motivation to look for more ways to conserve water in the face of frequent drought conditions. Give thanks that **El Estibo** community is organizing the growing of sesame again. Pray for wise use of the income from this project.
25. Give thanks for those studying theology in **Asuncion** & in **Chile** & pray for encouragement & vision for them. Pray for several younger people who are seeking God's will in this area.
26. Give thanks for the ongoing blessings of the **EJE** weekends for young people & pray for those who are now in leadership roles. Pray too for plans to start **TEC**, a follow on course to **EJE** so that young people can be built up in their faith in Christ.
27. Pray for wisdom, strength & love for **Sharon McCreerie** as Director of "**La Puerta**" Home, where young people can find help to release them from drug addiction. Give thanks that one addict finished her last month of pregnancy without drugs. Pray for release & spiritual commitment for **David** an 18 year old & for wisdom, authority & tough love for house parents **Hector & Delia**.
28. Give thanks for encouraging visits to churches in the **UK** for **Ed & Mary Brice** & pray for good communication in visits yet to be made. Pray for wisdom over where the **Brices** should live when they return to **Paraguay**. Pray also for their son **Javier** in the **USA** that he may find Christian fellowship where he is living.
29. Pray for the development of the ministry in **Roque Alonso** towards **Limpio & Emboscada**. For **pastor Cefe, Ana** & their team & for the building up of leadership teams in the different areas. Pray also for the congregations in **Remansito & Mirador** in their weekly services & meetings & their ministry to adolescents & children.
30. Give thanks that 5 self-help **sewing workshops** are now running in local churches after the visits of **volunteers** in July. Besides being opportunities for fellowship, funds are also raised to help sustain families & contribute towards Children's Clubs. Pray for God's guidance & inspiration for successful sales.