

On reflection: At Operation South America we regularly take the opportunity to reflect on “where we are at” and to consider which direction we should take in the future. This is usually published in a separate document called “Celebrate” because invariably there is a lot to be thankful for. Equally, however, there is much to do and we are mindful that, without your support, much of our work would cease and the children whose lives you are helping to improve would be much poorer. If you would like to read the latest version of Celebrate you can download it from our website.

Watch This Space: Speaking of websites, we are in the process of changing ours to make it more user-friendly and, hopefully, more interesting and accessible. It will use a blog-type format and will have the facility to show more pictures and videos, not to mention a direct email link. However, for those of you who prefer a hard copy for news, we will continue to distribute Update. The new web address will be operationsouthamerica.org but it’s not fully functioning yet. You will automatically be re-directed from the old website when the changeover takes place

Everyday life in Quyquyhó: A number of our supporters have said how much they like the photos of life in QQH. For those who actually manage to visit, the greatest contrast is probably how much work is done by hand, whether cooking, cleaning, washing, growing or building. So just imagine the difference a washing machine could have.



WASHING

We used to wash our clothes by hand every day. It takes a lot of time and is very cold in winter!

The new machine takes 16Kg and can wash, spin and dry.. Much better - especially in the rainy season!



Our first wash!

We are thrilled with the machine. We now have more time to study, play, rest and read.

This is a dream come true!



EATING

The feeding programme at the Comedor provides the village’s poorest children with a healthy meal during the school year, from Monday to Friday, February to December. Current numbers are around 80 per day. New crockery is essential!





CLEANING

19 active girls can make a lot of mess and need large quantities of cleaning materials and utensils to clear up after each other. These should last a few months!



Down on the Farm: Those of you who have been following our progress will know that, some time ago, we built a water tower to help with the irrigation of our vegetable garden and purpose-built chicken runs to provide a supply of eggs and meat. Unfortunately we found that the water pressure was so low that it took hours to water the garden. However, with the installation of an automatic pump control we will be able to use a sprinkler, saving a lot of time and energy. We now plan to plant carrots, peppers, lettuces, cucumbers, radishes, onions, tomatoes, beans and various herbs. These will all be used for the girls and the children in the Feeding Programme.

Despite the best of intentions we have been unable to get under way with our chickens until now. To start things off we have bought 100 laying hen chicks, bags of chicken feed, chicken feeders and water troughs. In 6 months we should have enough eggs to provide for the girls in the Home and the Feeding Programme.



FARMING
 Above: the installation of an automatic pump control makes a big difference to crop-growing
 Adjacent & Below: arrival of chicks and supplies



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