

Good News. After months of negotiation and planning we are delighted to announce that registration of "Operación América del Sur" in Paraguay is now complete and we are officially recognised as an international charity, with the advantages that brings, including entitlement to own land in our own right. As a result, the purchase of land in Quy Quy Hó is nearing completion and we look forward to the blessings and challenges that will bring, particularly moving the Comedor and children's work to our new base. Oswaldo Recalde is now officially our Director of Operations in Paraguay and able to take responsibility, on our behalf, for the work which he started.

Thank You. Phil Grainger (Founder) and Paul Puttergill (Deputy Chair) formed the advanced party to visit Paraguay in April/May 08. They oversaw the legal processes and surveyed the land with a view to planning the work for later in the year. After the summer break Dec/Jan the Comedor is back up to speed with its feeding programme, as the picture shows.



On The Web. More good news! - on 3rd May we successfully launched our brand new website which will make

communication with many of our supporters even easier. If you have access to the web, do have a look. It gives us an opportunity to share more information and pictures with you and to keep you up to date more easily. There are still a few minor glitches to iron out but we are very grateful to Andy Budd, our designer and webmaster, for all his efforts over the past months, the more so because he was one of the four teenage lads who prompted Phil Grainger, our founder, to start the original project in Paraguay. Now 25 and a Graphic Designer, he shares our passion for the work and hopes to return in the future.

2008 Appeal. As you might expect, events in Paraguay haven't always gone as smoothly as we hoped. The registration paperwork was complex and expensive, particularly the official stamps which were required from the Foreign & Commonwealth Office and the Paraguayan Embassy. In addition the devaluation of the US dollar, required to purchase the Paraguayan Guarani currency to pay for everything, has resulted in a significant depletion of our funds. If we are to successfully make the changes required on the land and to replace the ageing 4x4 then we urgently need to progress towards or exceed our target of £20,000. We are so grateful to all our supporters for their generous gifts and ask that you continue to support us both financially and in your prayers. Our "Sponsor a Square for £2" Land Appeal continues and is well over half way to its target. Please contact us for more sheets or download them from the website.

Sponsor a child. Our research amongst the children who regularly attend the Comedor has shown that some are unable to afford to complete their secondary education because of the cost of things like uniform, books and exam entries. Some supporters already sponsor individual students at a cost of approximately £100 per student per year. We are in the process of identifying students in need and their specific requirements. We will link individuals to their sponsors by means of a photograph and brief family and background details. If you would like to become involved in this aspect of our work please contact us.