

## ALDRIDGE TO PARAGUAY IN FIVE MONTHS!!!

In the Autumn of 2008 the generous folk of Aldridge were asked to donate their children's cast-off clothes for the children of a small town called Quyquyhó, thousands of miles away in Eastern Paraguay. This is the story of how it happened:

*September 2008 Operation South America is offered space in a container bound for Paraguay, carrying clothes, toys, tools and medical supplies for the poor.*



OSA appeals to Aldridge Church for clothes, especially shoes, underwear and babies' clothes but word gets out into town...



Dozens give generously and fill OSA HQ. Yes, this is someone's house! Sorting day arrives



Bagged up and off to the depot, Luxfords of Weybridge. Even the hire van was paid for by a generous gift



December: Our load joins others to fill a 40 foot container, (the largest available). - Loaded and ready for the off!



OSA regrets that there is now a slight delay of 3 months or so while the container goes to Buenos Aires and then gets held up due to falling river levels (Paraguay is land-locked), a backlog of containers, a lack of transport up river and a few technical hiccoughs with customs but eventually....



April: Time to unload in Asuncion. The contents are sorted and distributed. Osvaldo Recalde takes delivery for OSA



200 Km away, at OSA base, over 100 children are given a nutritious meal most weekdays. Today they get a bonus - New clothes!!



*And now the fun for those who gave... Spot your gifts and see who's wearing them. Let us know if you do and we'll send you a copy of the photo. (Number 1-16 L-R & Top down) You might need a magnifier but we didn't want to leave anyone out!*



*OSA and the children of Quyuquyhó would like to thank all those who gave so generously of their time, effort, clothes and money in order to make this possible. Special thanks must go to Graham Aston who masterminded the project at considerable personal cost. However, we think you'll agree that the faces of the children are reward enough!*

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