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New faces

WE ARE delighted to welcome to Trinidad Taylor Burt, a medical student at the University of Oklahoma, who arrived in mid-June for a six-week voluntary stint at FT. Taylor will be observing the various aspects of the Health work, while getting involved in other areas. Later in the year, we look forward to welcoming Roseanne Mackay (August, three weeks) and Melissa Olmstead (August, nine months).

IN APRIL, WE were joined by Paul Dodds (Cardiff) and Aaron O'Neill (Ballymena), representing 'Brass Tacks', an organisation which supports missionaries and full-time Christian workers around the world by assisting in maintenance, mechanical and building work.

The FT building was mostly completed several years ago, with the exception of one of two apartments for visiting volunteers, the completion of which had to be postponed due to a shortage of funds. FT approached Brass Tacks in 2015 about the possibility of sending workers to finish the incomplete apartment. Over their six weeks here, Paul and Aaron took what was a mere shell, and fitted out a fully functioning bedroom, bathroom and kitchen area, tiled, plastered, wired and connected to the water supply. Indeed, they also addressed several issues of concern with FT's sewage system.

Paul and Aaron were also a great support in the local church, *El Jireh*, where they preached and shared their testimonies with the congregation.

We are immensely grateful to Paul and Aaron, and to Brass Tacks, for their invaluable contribution to the work of FT, and we pray that the new apartment would give many more visiting volunteers the chance to play a part in God's work in this small corner of the world.



Mother's Day

IN BOLIVIA, the likes of Father's Day and Mother's Day are great occasions of celebration, and on the 27th of May (Bolivian Mother's Day), a couple of FT's ministries marked the occasion accordingly.

The 'Let's Play Together' parents and toddlers' group hosted a special meal for the mothers of the group at their usual time on Friday early evening, while the following day, the women's arts & crafts group downed tools to share in their own festivities, at which FT board member Amanda Cunningham gave a talk on finding one's true identity as a mother in Christ.

Rolling on the river

For many years now, FT staff have supported a missionary boat ministry which visits some of the most remote villages of the Beni region. This year, FT doctor Romina Ribera joined the crew for two consecutive trips between the 29th of May and 15th of June, visiting around 20 isolated communities. She was joined by husband Daniel Ricardo (pictured with Romina) on the first tour, and FT president and dentist Miguel Ángel Araúz boarded for the second leg.

The groups on each voyage were comprised of a range of health and pastoral workers, all of whom gave their services free of charge, as well as half a dozen young volunteers from the USA. While the medics were attending to their grateful patients, the American volunteers organised games and evangelistic talks for the children of each community. In those villages where the boat docked for the night, the group would preach the gospel or show an evangelistic film.

As far as meals were concerned, as ever, the protocol was 'eat what you catch'. Among the less conventional dishes on offer were badger and tortoise.

"I give thanks to God for being able to work for FT," says Romina, "because as part of my work, FT permits me to participate in these vital trips, reaching so many needy people in the river communities of the Beni."

PRAYER POINTS

- Pray for safe travels and positive experiences for our various visiting volunteers.
- Pray for new audiologist Mayerlín Garrón as she settles into her new job at FT in July.
- Pray for the annual surgical campaign in early September, particularly that we would have a full roster of patients come forward.
- Pray for continued financial provision and for success in the various fundraising activities for FT.