

Greg and Sylvia Venables – Update October 2026

Thank you for your timely gift from St Luke's received today. An update from us seems to be in order. As you know Greg handed over the Primacy in December 2020 and we moved back to Paraguay. He continues to oversee things pastorally as Archbishop Emeritus and leads the weekly clergy meeting.

We continue to worship at the English speaking St Andrew's chapel here in Asuncion. Greg preaches regularly there and Sylvia quite often leads the service. There are a lot of Europeans moving to Paraguay at the moment and the service is well attended. Greg also leads weekly clergy teaching sessions which are much appreciated.

We became great grandparents this month with the birth of Olivia, whose Mum, Natasha, is our eldest grandchild.

We have 9 grandchildren whose ages range from 29 down to 2 years.

Our daughter Nicky has had to take her youngest child, Samuel, 16, to live in England. Sam has Addison's disease and has been advised not to live in a tropical climate.

Nicky works as a teacher in a language school and Sam attends a secondary school in Cambridge.

Nicky's husband, Ronald, was named the diocesan bishop of Paraguay last year about the time of Sam's diagnosis. This has meant a great sacrifice in their family life, living apart. Thank God for daily Face Time!

Tim, our eldest has recently been made redundant after working 22 years with a Dutch micro credit firm. He is married to Alicia, who is Paraguayan, and they have two young children.

Our youngest, Roo was born in Paraguay and is married to Donald, who is from Cordoba in Argentina. They both work in St Andrew's College here in Asuncion, Roo as a teacher and Donald is the school chaplain. Greg was Head of the school from 1978 until 1989. We were sent out as missionaries from St Luke's 49 years ago!