

BUILDING COMMUNITIES

Community Work, Uruguay

Giving communities a better quality of life

In their own words

‘In the short time since this community was founded, it has shown a great capacity for enterprise, and this would not have been possible without faith and hope in Christ.’

– Father Gonzalo Soria, Diocese of Uruguay



Uruguay factfile

Capital: Montevideo

Languages: Spanish (Official), Portuguese, or Brazilerio (Portuguese-Spanish mix on the Brazilian frontier)

Religion: Christianity, Jewish, nondenominational

Export: Rice, wheat, soya beans, barley, livestock, beef, fish, timber

Further reading:

http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/americas/country_profiles/1229360.stm

USPG in Uruguay

USPG has supported the Anglican Church in Uruguay for over 20 years and has been supporting Alejandro Manzoni's work since 2004



About this Project...

▶ **Target: £7,790 / €8,960 | Project 387**

The recession that followed Uruguay's 2002 economic crisis is still being felt with many people still trying to rebuild their homes and livelihoods.

USPG-supported Alejandro Manzoni is a community worker for the Diocese of Uruguay and an Anglican priest at San Pablo's (St Paul's) Church in Villa Felicidad.

He works throughout the diocese, including the areas on the outskirts of the farming capital Progresso, 30km outside Montevideo.

When Alejandro arrived in Progresso, the church was helping the poor by giving

handouts. But Alejandro decided instead to develop community-driven projects such as kitchen gardens and cookery workshops. These encouraged the community to look out for their neighbours and begin to help themselves and for the first time, people in Villa Felicidad felt valued, supported by each other and hopeful.

In 2010, USPG is helping to expand these projects to new communities with a new element - beekeeping.

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