

BUILDING COMMUNITIES

Community Worker, Uruguay

Giving the community of Villa Felicidad 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 Brazileiro (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...

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

Villa Felicidad is a settlement on the outskirts of the farming capital Progresso, 30km outside Montevideo. It is made up of families who came searching for work. USPG-funded Alejandro Manzoni is a community worker and an Anglican deacon at San Pablo (St Paul's) church. When Alejandro arrived in Villa Felicidad in 2004, the church was helping the poor by giving handouts. But Alejandro decided to

stop this. Instead, he started to develop community-driven projects that encouraged the community to look out for their neighbours and begin to help themselves. Projects to date have included cookery workshops, kitchen gardens, the refurbishment of a health clinic, a theatre group and an early years centre. For the first time, people in Villa Felicidad are feeling valued, supported by each other and hopeful.

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