

SEEDS OF HOPE LENT 2026



DIOCESE OF
CONNOR

Growing Healthy Churches



"This Lent, I warmly invite you to walk alongside the Church in northern Argentina, among the remote communities of the Chaco and in the city of Salta. The Chaco is a land of rich biodiversity and diverse indigenous peoples, yet it faces deep social and environmental challenges. In Salta, St Paul's is a small church with a big heart, offering hope in a complex and marginalised neighbourhood. As we journey together, may God inspire us and guide us to serve with compassion and joy." *Bishop George*

SOWING FOR THE FUTURE: GROWING SKILLS AND HOPE IN THE CHACO

The 'Sowing for the Future' programme, initiated by Alec Deane, connects with 4,500 Wichí children and young people across 45 rural schools. Through green classrooms, participants learn essential skills in gardening, drip irrigation, and soil care. Led by Wichí tutors, the project actively engages children and young people, strengthens local communities, and fosters a more sustainable future.

LEADERSHIP INVESTMENT: CEFA (CENTRO DE FORMACIÓN ANGLICANO)

The Diocese of Northern Argentina, led by the Revd. Daniel Lescano, is committed to practical theological training for clergy and lay people. At CeFA, participants engage with scripture while addressing cultural challenges such as addiction, in their own language and cultural context. This vital ministry equips indigenous leaders and lay people from diverse educational backgrounds to serve faithfully in their churches and communities.



STRENGTH IN SCRIPTURE: FAITH & FORMATION RESOURCES

Many Wichí people live between the Bermejo and Pilcomayo rivers in northern Argentina. Chris Wallis has spent decades making God's word accessible through translation and training. One example is the Vida Abundante (Abundant Life) Bible course translated into Wichí. This 18 Session Course combines self-study and small group learning, guided by Revd. Marcos Humacata and local tutors, fostering faith and community.

MISSIONAL HUB: URBAN CHURCH PLANT SAN PABLO

In Salta, San Pablo's (St Paul's) Anglican Church stands as a place of hope amid poverty, drugs, and brokenness. Through acts of compassion and words of encouragement, God's love reaches even the most forgotten corners, restoring hearts and transforming lives.



**PRAYERFUL
ATTENTION &
PRACTICAL
COMMITMENT**

We live in an age of sound bites, and instant results. The pressure to move faster, and find immediate solutions is ever present. Lent offers a different invitation: to slow down, and to walk with greater intention. As the Diocese of Connor and the Diocese of Northern Argentina journey together this Lent, let us share our God-given gifts with one another. By doing so, we serve as one body, faithfully seeking to fulfil God's purposes.

**PROJECT
INFORMATION**

Additional information on each of the four projects is available on the Connor website.

**CHILDREN'S
RESOURCES**

The Connor website features children's resources for ages 4–7 and 7–11, available to download or as full-colour printed copies. Contact The Ven Paul Dundas via T: 028 9266 2163 or E: paul_dundas@yahoo.com

**GUEST
SPEAKER**

Revd Geoff Hamilton (SAMS) has recently returned from Northern Argentina and can provide an update on the featured projects. T: 028 38310144 or office@samsireland.com

**FUNDRAISING
IDEAS**

A fundraising resource is available on the Connor website.

**VISUAL
RESOURCE**

A short video is available to download from the Connor website, offering a visual connection to the four projects.

**LENT
PRAYERS**

A prayer resource is available on the Connor website.

**PROJECT
DONATIONS**

The Diocese of Connor works in partnership with the South American Mission Society (SAMS). In accordance with this partnership, all financial contributions in support of this work should be made directly to SAMS. Donations can be made to SAMS via online bank transfer: Sort Code: 98-00-60 Account Number: 52908134 / Reference: LENT 26. Cheque donations should be made payable to SAMS. Include the reference LENT 26 on the reverse side. Please send cheques to: SAMS House, 1 Irwin Crescent, Lurgan, Craigavon, BT66 7EZ.

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