



Joe & Janice Merlo

Missionaries to Argentina



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Dear Pastor and Church,

I hope that each of you had a Merry Christmas and have had a great start to this new year. We enjoyed having our son, David, his wife Emi, and his five children come down and spend about six days with us for Christmas. They are missionaries in a large city that is about 12 hours north of us.

We had a family of seven return to church in December. Mario and his wife, Doris had been saved and baptized a few years ago in our church, but due to the distance from their house to the church they had not been attending. Praise the Lord they were finally able to purchase a car and can now drive to church.

We always have our family camp each summer in January. We dedicate the camp to preaching, especially on the home and the Lord's service. Our daughter, April came down to visit us from Oklahoma City and was able to attend camp with us last week. We had a great time and were ministered to by great preaching. The preacher was Carlos Cejas, an Argentine pastor from the province of Mendoza. I've known him for many years and he is a great man of God.

In our last letter I mentioned that our faith promise missions commitment increased 45% after the missions conference. After the first full month, 102% of the promised money came in. That was a blessing and I am hopeful that the people will be faithful to continue giving to missions.

It has been a blessing for us to be able to serve the Lord here in Argentina as missionaries. Thank you for the role that you play in allowing us to preach the Gospel here in the southern region of Argentina. We appreciate your prayers and financial support.

Your missionaries,

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