

April & May 2023

TUNNELLS TO ARGENTINA



Greetings to all our friends in the faith,

Argentine Culture: Moving to another country always presents its challenges and one of the largest is culture. The mindsets, manners, language, processes, traditions, government, daily life, laws and etc. are all different. Different is okay, and as missionary you have to come to accept that. We are not in America, we are in another country and with another people God has called us to minister to and share the Gospel of Jesus Christ with. I like the Marine phrase “adapt and overcome” because that is exactly what a missionary has to do. The people are who are important and finding a way to reach them for Christ is what we have been sent to do. Attuning our minds to that one concept (the people are who are most important) allows us to keep moving forward in our ministry. We are adjusting to the culture and that takes time. There is a lot of beauty in this culture and it is one I am glad we are having the opportunity to learn. Please follow us on **Facebook or Instagram (@TunnellstoArgentina) for weekly updates**, we cannot share everything in the newsletters due to space but we want to share more with you through our social media.

Container: This has been quite an experience and it is not over yet. However, God has a purpose for our time here. We have been in Buenos Aires for ten days now, away from our families, working to get the container released and shipped to Corrientes where we live some 11 hours north of Buenos Aires. During our time here David Martin and I have been handing out tracts, David has had the opportunity to preach three times at various Baptist churches here in BA and they have been praying with us, over us and for the container. They empathize with us concerning the difficulties surrounding the container and like us, know that God is in control. It has been encouraging to have them praying with us. So far, most days we are in the downtown area of BA getting paperwork from one office to the next, going to notaries, then to the copy shops and then back to the customs offices. Other days we wait at the AirBnB to hear what they need next from us. Nothing is close to each other, one day David and I walked 7 miles just going from one office to the next. The silver lining is that we are getting our steps in! All in all, God has been very good to us. God has given us good people to work with and yes, there have been ups and downs due to government bureaucracy, but God has given us favor with those in authority over us and while it may take a few more days to get things done than what we prefer, God is with us and helping us through this process. Next steps: 1.) Our BOL and manifest list to be approved by customs. (possible process 3-7 days). 2.) After approval of the documents, we can request a turn for inspection. (possible process 3-7 days). 3.) Get inspection and appraisal. 4.) Purchase insurance on the appraisal. We have to have insurance on it for 4 years until we get our permanent residency. 5.) Pay port fees, custom fees, shipping fees and taxes. 6.) Container released to us to ship up to Corrientes.

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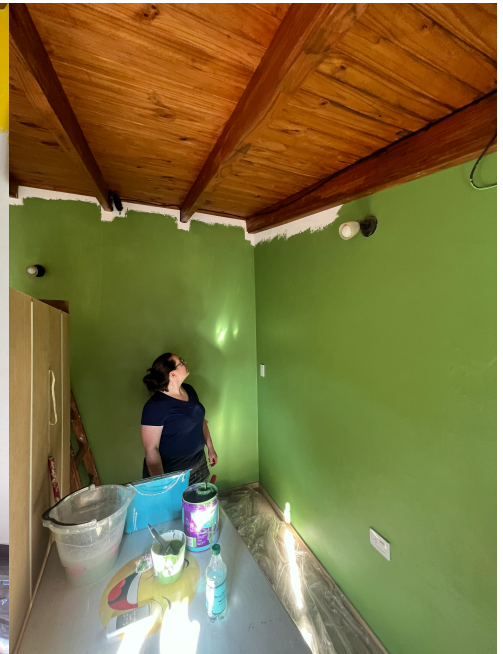
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Other things: Please pray for protection for Deirdre and the kids, as well as Kelsi and her kids while David and I are away. Deirdre and the kids have been finishing up on some small painting and cleaning at our rent house before we arrive with the container. I am eager to get back to them and finally move into our house. Currently all we have in the house is a table and chairs our land lords left with us so we could have a place to sit while at the house. Here are few pictures of us painting the bedrooms in our house. Our room was yellow, and now it is white. Brielle's was white and is now green on two walls. Claire's was dark blue, so we left one wall blue and painted the others white. Love, the Tunnell Family



Prayer Requests:

1. **Praise:** The container is out of port and in our shipping companies warehouse awaiting inspection
2. **Praise:** The Martins have been such a blessing and help to us. We are grateful for such an awesome ministry partner family.
3. We didn't receive the DNI cards (Argentine identification) for 3 kids, so we need to return to the government office to finish that.
4. Container: Will be released to us within the next 7 work days so we can be back in Corrientes soon.

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