

January & February 2026



TUNNELLS TO ARGENTINA



Greetings to all our friends in the faith and thank you for all your prayers concerning our ministry and family.

January - January is always an exciting month for us as we celebrate our mission church plant's anniversary. This is our second anniversary for Iglesia Bautista Esperanza en Cristo (Hope in Christ Baptist Church). Along with the celebration of the church anniversary we also have a baptismal service. This year we had five people join the church. All five people have completed a Bible study course, have given their testimony publicly to the other members of the church and now have received Biblical baptism. Let me tell you a little about them. Maykel and Ramona are husband and wife, they started coming to our church after a Hora Feliz (mini VBS) event in the main park we had last year. They have two daughters Zaira and Rut and they come faithfully to our services. Rita is an elderly lady that has been coming since the work began. She and her husband Oli attend our services faithfully, and are a blessing to our church. Oli has not joined yet but we know by his testimony he is saved, and we are praying he will have a desire to join the church in the future and become a member. Oli knows his Bible very well and is respected in the community and amongst our church people. So, please continue to pray for Oli. They are down-the-street "neighbors" to us as well, and we have the blessing of visiting them weekly and drinking mate (Yerba tea) out in front of their house across from the park they live next to. Samuel and Antonella are brother and sister and are also children of Agustín and Lyly who are members of the church work and were baptized Dec. 2024. Samuel just graduated high school and is a wonderful young man. He and my son Brandt have become really good friends and ride their bikes through Saladas weekly. He is always willing to help us with things around the church and is faithful to attend our youth services, men's meeting and regular church services as well. He just started a new job at a fruit stand locally so please keep him in your prayers, good jobs are hard to find here for young people, so we are excited for him. Antonella is a little shy, however, she has been helping with the kids' Sunday school from time to time. She has a big heart and we are excited about her desire to help with the kids. All five of our new members have been an encouragement and blessing to our mission work and we are looking forward to how God is going to use them to share Christ with others in our community and serve in our church here in Saladas. At the anniversary service we had a dear friend, Pastor Matias Gutierrez from Buenos Aires, come and preach for us. His wife and three kids joined us for this special event also. We had 47 people there at our service which is a larger crowd than usual for our normal services and we praise the Lord for it. We had chori-pan (chorizo sausage on a roll) which is a local favorite here and of course cake to celebrate the second year anniversary, made by Agustín who has a real talent when it comes to pastries. **February** - In February we attend a family camp in Buenos Aires for pastor and missionary families. It is a time of fellowship and refreshment. Our special speaker Bro. Mingo was a missionary and pastor himself and spoke this year on the importance of mental health in the ministry. It was a wonderful topic and one that needs to be address as there is a lot of stress and other battles that can affect our ministry and families on the mission field. Mrs. Angela Freeman organizes the kids' classes and asked Deirdre and I to assist with the games this year. The theme was cowboys, and being from Texas she felt we would have a pretty good idea of some cowboy games, which we did! We had the kids rope "cows" with lassos, a relay in cowboy boots way too big for them, and a quick draw duel with water pistols to name a few. We had a blast!

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Family camp is always a great time for our family to get away and relax. It is also a time where we continue to build relationships and friendships with national pastors' families and other missionary families. The ministry can be difficult sometimes and having others that you can call, pray with and relate to is a blessing only God can give. We are so thankful for our friends and brothers and sisters in Christ here in Argentina.

We are also pleased to announce that we finally got a family dog. The kids have been wanting one since we arrived in Argentina and in our first house we just did not have the space, but now we have Valkyrie, "Val" for short, our little Rottweiler and we are enjoying training her and having her with us.

Update on the house: We have changed out the second portion of the roof. I am glad to report no leaks! We have been saving up to purchase the next section of metal roof panels and lumber to change out the old supports. We will be purchasing the materials this week and hope to start demoing it the week of March 23rd weather permitting. We will need two weeks of no rain to complete this next section. It is the largest section and most extensive.

Prayer request for visa renewal: Please keep our visa renewal in your prayers as well. We are waiting on a letter to be approved by the Ministry of Religious Affairs which is the first piece to start the visa process. We should hopefully have that this week, the week of March 16th.

Thank you for your prayers and support. In Christ, The Tunnell Family

Prayer Requests:

1. Please pray for our house in Saladas as we make the needed repairs.
2. Please pray for souls to be saved here in Saladas.
3. Please pray for my daughter Claire's salvation.
4. Please pray for the health of our family.

