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TUNNELLS TO ARGENTINA



Greetings to all our friends in the faith,

Hit the ground running: Hello everyone! We are so excited to share with you all what God is doing and all that has transpired since we arrived in Corrientes, Argentina. Last letter we share about the move and getting the house setup. We purchased a used vehicle, a 2016 Toyota SW4 Helix SUV. This is a great little SUV with third row seating that seats 7, so enough for all 6 of us. Currently, we have been learning so much about the culture, history and people of Argentina from our tutors. We are all taking Spanish classes, Deirdre and I have a tutor that comes to the house three times a week for 2 hours a day and works with us on vocabulary, accent, pronunciation, conversation and religious terms for my preaching. While she and I had a year of language school in the states, the Spanish here in Argentina is very different from the Spanish we learned in school because we are learning the Vos conjugation which most Latin American countries do not use. The kids are also taking Spanish classes online with a live teacher from Guatemala through Spanish Homeschool Academy. Brielle has three classes a week and Brandt, Sterling and Claire have two classes a week. We are so proud of them. They are doing great, right now they are learning the Spanish alphabet, conjugations, vocabulary, greetings and persons.

Learning Cultural Differences: One of our favorite things to do is go into Corrientes and explore the area for shops or stores that have things we need and then mark them on google maps. This way we can remember where they are and what they carry. Shopping here is very different than in the states. Here we do not have “one stop shop” chain stores like Wal-mart or Lowe’s. Here, we have little stores scattered throughout the city and every one of them carries something different. The hardware stores (Ferreterías) here are like departments in Lowe’s. Some sell wood, others sell plumbing supplies and sometimes fixtures, still others sell electrical supplies but not fixtures. The store where we buy our meat (Carnicería) sells cuts of meat: beef, chicken and pork. However, if you would like lunch meat or cheese for sandwiches you have to go to a deli (Fiambrería), they also have bread stores/bakeries called Panaderías where you get all types of breads, cakes, pastries, and sliced loaves of bread. Brielle and Deirdre have also found a yarn store that sells quality yarn and Brielle has taught herself from videos online how to crochet beanie hats and some animals. They are very cute! 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 connect with you through our social media. **Ministry:** We have been busy handing out tracts, New Testaments, John & Romans, and Bibles to people we come in contact with in our neighborhood and when out in public. Adults and kids, mostly kids, often ring our buzzer asking for food, clothing, shoes, money or schools supplies; none of which we give out because if you do it once, your house is labeled and from then on it is non-stop. However, we do hand out tracts accompanied by a balloon for the kids. (Continued on Next Page)

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Ministry: These last two months have been a packed schedule for us. Deirdre and I have been teaching the ESL class, I have been added to the rotation to preach every third Tuesday night service, Sunday mornings I have my Sunday school class and have been teaching in Saladas on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the last couple of months to help Bro. Martin out. Deirdre and the kids are helping and attending the kids Sunday school every Sunday morning as well. We are currently looking for new office spaces in Corrientes and Saladas. We are needing something larger, more in the center of town, better suited for teaching the ESL and Bible classes. We have a space we are currently looking at just two blocks from the house and it is on the main avenue of Corrientes with more foot traffic and in plain view for the public. So please pray for our ministries in both Corrientes and Saladas and that we can acquire better office spaces to minister in.



Prayer Requests:

1. **Praise:** I am having more opportunity to practice my Spanish and preaching!
2. **Praise:** We are settling into the culture and our family is adjusting well.
3. We still have not received the DNI cards (Argentine identification) for Claire, so please pray we can return to the government office and resolve it.
4. We need new ministry spaces in both Corrientes and Saladas. Pray for the people and opportunities to share the Gospel.
5. Ongoing Spanish lessons and that we improve quickly.



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