

July and August 2025

TUNNELLS TO ARGENTINA



Greetings to all our friends in the faith and thank you for all your prayers concerning our ministry and family. Currently the Martin family, our ministry partners, are in the United States till mid November on furlough.

July & August have been very busy months for us as many of you know. We have been looking for a house to rent in Saladas, where our mission work was planted January of 2024, while leading services and driving the 3 hours round trip back and forth to Corrientes Capital. Our current rental agreement had a termination date of August 31, 2025. Saladas is a smaller town with a population of about 18,349. We have been looking for a place since March of this year after the Martins moved to Saladas. We had looked at multiple houses for rent but everything was too small for our family of six. One of the many challenges missionaries face when living in another country is renting a home. Here in Argentina the landlords prefer collateral in the form of another property and should you not have this collateral, which as foreigners we do not have, many will not even entertain speaking with you. Others require the first six months to a year's rent in cash, which is also difficult. This was the case with the first house we rented, since we did not have any other collateral. Foreigners such as ourselves cannot establish a bank account in Argentina until after we have our residency which we can get after living in the country for four years. While looking at rent houses for months with no luck, we noticed an old building with a For Sale sign on it. A friend of ours, Flavia, who lives in Saladas called on it for us and luckily the realtor was willing to show it to us. It was an old house with good bones, potential, and enough space for our family. The house has not been lived in for 6 years, so there is a lot of work to be



done. It was a family home, the parents have passed on, none of the children wanted the house and have all moved away to live in or around the Capital City of Corrientes. It is in a nice neighborhood three blocks from the center of Saladas. Deirdre and the kids fell in love with the house. After praying and seeking the Lord's will for the house, we had a peace about making an offer and the sellers accepted. Buying a house in another country comes with its own special set of difficulties and challenges, so much so I could not fit it into this newsletter. Basically, to sum things up, we started the purchasing process middle of July, we had to get permission

from the government to start the process which took 7 days, we had 15 days to complete the wire transfer once we obtained the permission, and we completed the wire transfer on day 14. We had to wait for the banks to confirm and transfer the funds, which took another 7 days (drama between banks). So, three days before the end of our rental contract was up, we started loading the truck to move, and Deirdre and I left in the middle to sign papers and get keys. Needless to say there were a lot of moving parts that day. God has provided through a friend at our mission work a general contractor who is a Christian as well to help us with what we need to get the house livable. We are currently staying in the Martin's house for a couple weeks until we can get the roof replaced, bathroom usable, and water and electricity to the house. (Continued on page 2)

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Argentine Customs: One of the customs here in Argentina is that when they move out of a home they take the light fixtures, hot water heaters, air conditioners, water faucets, etc. with them. Basically, everything that they might need at the next house. So, when purchasing a house here in Argentina, you have to buy all these things for yourself. Like I said earlier, buying a house in another country comes with its own challenges. God has been so faithful through this process and we are so grateful to him for providing a family home for us.

Saladas Mission Work: The congregation is continuing to grow as word spreads through the town that the mission work is here. We have been handing out gospel tracts and inviting people to our services. The towns people are often times curious, asking why we are here and why we left the United States. It opens a door to explain our call to share the gospel and plant churches in Argentina, specifically Saladas. We are looking forward to serving and ministering to the community of Saladas. Thank you all again for reading our mission letters, following us on social media and most importantly, praying for our ministry and family. We look forward to sharing with you more in the months to come on how God is moving in Saladas.

Love, the Tunnell Family



Prayer Requests:

1. **Praise:** We purchased and moved to a house in Saladas.
2. Pray for the Mission Work here in Saladas.
3. The Martins are on furlough until mid November 2025, please pray for them and us as we will be overseeing services and ministries while they are in the States.
4. Pray for my daughter Claire's salvation.
5. For the health of our family, and our transition to Saladas.

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