

May & June 2023

TUNNELLS TO ARGENTINA



Greetings to all our friends in the faith,

Container Received and Unloaded: We serve an awesome God! As mentioned in my last newsletter, we had been dealing with Customs and they had item after item that they continued to take issue with the container. The first was that the United States company failed to change the weight correctly from pounds to kilos. The other was that we had ministry materials; over 200 boxes of Bibles, New Testaments, John and Romans and tracts mixed in with our personal home items. This resulted in a more thorough inspection than just the X-ray, in which they unloaded half of our container and opened multiple boxes and totes. However, this is where God again showed His power and where Customs would usually have charged us a duty or tax, they said since it was God's Word and we were giving it away freely they were not going to charge us. Another blessing was the exchange rate God gave us with the fees from the Customs, Insurance Agent, the Argentine shipping company and Customs Broker Agent. There are two exchange rates here in Argentina: one is the Official rate (285 pesos to \$1.00) and the second was the Blue rate (487 pesos to \$1.00) which is what most people use. We were expecting to be charged the Blue rate but instead they used the Official which lowered our cost. We were able to come in at just below our budget of \$16,000.00. We cannot say thank you enough to all those who contributed to help with the container expense. The amount of lives we will be able to impact with the Gospel of Christ with these Biblical materials is exciting. The Martins and our family have already started handing out tracts and Bibles in Corrientes Capital and have also distributed them to national pastors and missionaries in other parts of Argentina. While there is a lot more to the story of the container including some very stressful parts, the most important aspect is that God used people and situations to get everything through customs and to our house in Corrientes. 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.

Ministry: We have been super busy with getting settled in the house and unpacked. We started our Spanish tutoring sessions this week. We have three sessions a week for 2 hours each and we are loving it. Our tutors, Enoc and Dámaris are a married couple who also will be teaching us about the history and culture of Argentina. Enoc is the son of a local pastor, Raul, and is also going to help me with the religious terms for my preaching and teaching. They live about two blocks from us and are wonderful people. Pastor Raul has asked if I would help teach a Sunday school class on Sunday mornings. We usually help with the kids' ministry in the park about 2 miles from the church, but they need someone to teach the adults, young adults and teens at the church. Last week was my first week and I loved it. Enoc is helping me as well with that, I gave him a copy of my lesson so he could help me with words and pronunciation I might struggle with. The people here have been really encouraging. (Continued on Next Page)

Sent from Victory Baptist Church • 1311 East Bankhead Dr. • Weatherford, TX 76086

Robert Catuto Pastor • vbcinfo.com

May & June 2023

TUNNELS TO ARGENTINA



Ministry: Other ministry opportunities we have are in a town called Saladas with the Martins. We have a little store front and Bible studies on Thursdays every other week. We currently have two ladies coming and are praying more will come. We plan to go to the town square and hand out tracts, invite people to our bible studies and possibly have a kids' event once a month. There is a small school near by in Saladas that has asked the Martins and us to teach English lessons to their students. David has spoken with the director and we will be working on a schedule to start possibly next semester. God is opening doors and we are so excited to see how it will all turn out. Thank you all again for your prayers and we look forward to share more about how God is using us in Argentina.

Photos: These pictures are from the move. The bottom right is a picture of all the Bibles, tracts, New Testaments and John and Romans. This room is what will eventually be my office at our house, it is about 12ft x 12ft and it is completely full. Praise the Lord!



Prayer Requests:

1. **Praise:** The container was delivered to our house in Corrientes and nothing was taken during the transfer.
2. **Praise:** Customs agents gave us grace during the inspection and chose not to charge us for the Bibles, New Testaments, tracts, John and Romans and ministry materials.
3. We still have not received the DNI cards (Argentine identification) for 3 kids, so please pray we can return to the government office and resolve it.
4. Our ministry in the town of Saladas. Pray for the people and opportunities.
5. Spanish Lessons



Sent from Victory Baptist Church • 1311 East Bankhead Dr. • Weatherford, TX 76086
Robert Catuto Pastor • vbcinfo.com