

May and June 2025

TUNNELS TO ARGENTINA



Greetings to all our friends in the faith and thank you for all your prayers concerning our ministry and family. Things continue to move forward here in Argentina with our ministry work in Saladas, Corrientes. Currently the Martin family, our ministry partners are in the United States till mid November on furlough. This has allowed us the opportunity to manage the ministry in their absence here in Saladas. I am grateful for the internet as David has been able to help with online Bible studies via WhatsApp with the two groups he started studies with before he left in the towns of Tatacuá and Mercedes. These towns are 2 and 3 hours from the Capital city of Corrientes where we currently live. We are grateful for the open doors in these areas for potential future ministries. One large prayer request we have is for a house for our family in Saladas, where the Martin family moved to in February. From the Capital to Saladas is an hour and a half drive one way each Wednesday and Sunday and two Saturdays a month. You can imagine the expense of fuel and wear and tear on our vehicle traveling this distance and with its frequency. This is the reason we are looking to move there. Also, our current rental contract in Corrientes Capital ends the end of August. We have been looking for a house since May, and we have looked at many houses, however housing for a family of 6 is difficult to find, but we know God will provide. **May:** In May we had the blessing of having Pastor Bujak, pastor of Metropolitan Baptist Church in Lake Worth, TX and the Martin's pastor visit us all in Saladas. It is always a wonderful time when we have visitors and have the opportunity to share in person with them the ministry we have been working on so diligently here in Saladas. While we only have 6 members in the mission work, we have another 8-10 adults attending services faithfully, along with 8 - 12 kids attending the kids Sunday School every Sunday. Attendance is growing steadily especially since the Martins live in town. In this small town it did not take very long for the news to spread that an American family had moved into town. During Pastor Bujak's stay he was able to attend the Bible studies in Tatacuá and Mercedes along with preaching Sunday morning. Later, we treated him to a Argentine style Canasta (or potluck). We had all kind of Argentine dishes for him to try and of course meat (Asado and Vacío) from the local Parrilla or grill place down the block. This was the first time my family had the chance to meet Pastor Bujak. He was very friendly with them, asking how they were adjusting to Argentina and even joked around with the kiddos a little bit giving them a hard time to which my kiddos responded with laughter and joshing him as well. **June:** June has been really busy for us with the Martins in the States on furlough. Bro. David was able to enlist Bro. Paulichen, a missionary in Uruguay and Pastor Raul Fernandez in Corrientes Capital to help me with the preaching services on Sundays twice a month, lessening the load on me on Sundays since I usually am doing the music and preaching. I have all the Wednesday nights, youth meetings and men's meeting each month as well. So I am very grateful for these two men helping me with the preaching load each month. Deirdre and Brielle are teaching the Sunday School hour on Sundays each week and Deirdre is also teaching the ladies meetings and preparing activities for the youth meetings. We have 4-6 youth regularly come to the youth meetings. We have a new family with a mother, 2 daughters and a son with Down Syndrome attending our services. We have invited the daughters to come to the event and hope they will be able to come this month. (Continued on page 2)

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Youth ministry: This is a ministry I am hoping to expand on when the Martins return and when we live in Saladas. Brielle and Brandt attend a youth service here in Corrientes Capital of another Baptist church and they love it. In Saladas this is a much needed ministry for the young people. There are so many kids in Saladas just walking around. The parks are full of them and when we have our Hora Feliz (VBS events) the kids attend and ask questions. They are naturally curious, about who we are and what we are doing. I have a heart for these young people and hope to be able to focus on expanding our ministry to the youth of Saladas. Please keep us in prayer as to how to reach them in our community and introduce them to our Savior Jesus Christ. Also, I wanted to thank our home church Victory Baptist Church in Weatherford, TX for the VBS offering of \$768.93 to help us with our youth and kids outreach in Saladas. We will be using these funds to purchase supplies and materials for our Hora Feliz events in the coming months. We look forward to sharing with you more in the months to come how the Lord is opening lives and hearts of the people of Saladas, Tatacuá and Mercedes. Thank you all again for reading our mission letters, following us on social media and most importantly, praying for our ministry and family. Love, the Tunnell Family

Sunday Service - Father's Day



Youth Meeting



Picture with Pastor Bujak



Prayer Requests:

1. **Praise:** Thankful to the Lord for the help from Bro. Paulichen and Pastor Raul Fernandez during Martins furlough.
2. **Important request:** That we will be able to find a house in Saladas before the end of July so we have time to move in August.
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. Aso, pray for our mission work in Saladas as well.
4. Pray for my daughter Claire's salvation.
5. For the health of our family, it is winter here in Argentina and it has been extremely cold this year.

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