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# TUNNELS TO ARGENTINA



Greetings to all our friends in the faith,

**Our ministry building in Corrientes:** Hello everyone! Thank you for all your prayers concerning finding a ministry building to rent in Corrientes Capital. This is the reason for my newsletter being a little later than usual, we have been working with the owner for the last two weeks finalizing all the details and I want to share with you the blessing that we have signed a rental contract and now have a ministry building. We are very excited to have a location that we can continue having Bible studies, English classes, and in the future Sunday services. It is a wonderful space, it has an office space for David and I, it also has a storage area large enough to store all our ministry materials: bible, tracts, and curriculum. The main space is large enough for us to section off class rooms when the time comes and still have plenty of space for the main service area, for the preaching service.



**Holiday Cultures in Corrientes:** This was our first Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years in Corrientes and it was interesting to see how the Argentines celebrate these holidays. Obviously, Thanksgiving is only an American holiday, so we celebrated it here with the Martins and they had a few people from the little church we have been helping, it is a wonderful opportunity to share with them the Holiday of thankfulness and express gratefulness to the Lord for all He has given us. Christmas Eve is a important day in Argentina for families. However, due to the difficult economic situation here with inflation reaching a rate of almost 300% this year, most of the people focus on food verses presents. They will have a few gifts for the children but again the focus is time with family, and they stay up until midnight on Christmas Eve (Buena Noche) and then sleep in on Christmas Day. New Years' Eve is also an important day, we were invited to some friends' house, Froy and Mirta, for dinner and fellowship. Mirta is from Venezuela and is a faithful member of the little church we have been assisting, she teaches the kids Sunday School, along with the songs and games. She is a phenomenal cook and spoiled us with Venezuelan pork tamales (closest thing to Tex-Mex we have here), potato salad and fire roasted crispy pork. Dinner started at 10pm, which is normal for here, and we hugged and celebrated bringing in the new year with them. It has been such a blessing to be included in the culture here with these families. (Continued on Next Page)

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**Blessings of Visitors:** We have been very blessed this year to have my parents come to Argentina, but also Deirdre's sister Michele. She came and spent 3 weeks with us and was here for Christmas. The kids were especially thrilled to have her here with us. She took time to spend with each one of the kids, taking the girls to go get manicures and pedicures and brunch and then took the boys to breakfast. She was able to see our ministry and help with the kids' Sunday school park ministry, and attend a few of the Spanish prayer services, preaching services and a special nativity in the central plaza where we sang songs and passed out gospel tracts. Thank you all again for

Michele and Deirdre serving breakfast to the park ministry kids.



Nativity and Singing in Central Plaza



Saying see you later, at the airport with Aunt Michele!



## Prayer Requests:

1. **Praise:** for the ministry buildings God supplied in Corrientes for us and in Saladas for the Martins.
2. **Praise:** For Michele's, Deirdre's sister, visit and safe return.
3. **Praise:** Brielle and Sterling were able to get braces.
4. In February we will start preparing to apply for our visas for 2024-2025. This is an annual process for the first 4 years.
5. Our Spanish lessons start back up January 15th.
6. Kids Spanish lessons continue to go well online and they are enjoying them.

Nativity and Singing at the Park Ministry

