

November & December 2025

TUNNELS TO ARGENTINA



Greetings to all our friends in the faith and thank you for all your prayers concerning our ministry and family.

November - We love November because of Thanksgiving. Thanksgiving is not celebrated in Argentina because it is an American Holiday. However, it is a holiday our family focuses on because we want to celebrate the goodness of the Lord and His blessings on our family and ministry. Every year we celebrate this day with our ministry partners, the Martin family. We are very grateful to be serving here with them. The mission field can be lonely at times and having another American family here serving with us who understands the necessary sacrifices to be on the mission field is a great comfort. One of the other events we have in November is our family conference. This is the second year we have had this conference and our theme for this conference was "Divine Design: Building Families God's Way". We had Bro. Facundo Martinez, a national pastor in Buenos Aires, and his family join us for the conference. Bro. Martinez did an excellent job preaching and teaching the word of God on this subject. We had a mens and ladies session on Saturday where Bro. Martinez and his wife Eli were able to focus specifically on the roles of husband and wife and their God given responsibilities in the family. After the group sessions, we also had a Q&A session which allows the participants to submit questions for both the guest speaker and his wife, the Martins and Deirdre and I to answer. It is always a wonderful time of fellowship and learning. **December** - Living south of the equator during the Christmas season is different. In the States we would usually be getting our winter gear out and preparing for lower temperatures, but not here. December is the beginning of summer and temperatures are in the 80-90s. We laugh because during this time we want to have all the winter foods and hot chocolate but it is too hot to eat and drink many of what we consider "Christmas food". However, we still had a ham and all the fixings. Christmas Eve is the big celebration here in Argentina. They open gifts, eat and celebrate usually starting at 11pm and going into the early morning hours. While we did open gifts, eat popcorn, played a few games and watched a movie, we ended our night much earlier than most Argentines. We also held our first Adult Christmas party and introduced the white elephant gift exchange game. It was interesting to say the least. We tried to explain the rules the best we could and once we started the game and they grasped the concept of exchanging of gifts and "stealing", the game was on and laughs rang out as certain gifts like bungee cords, grill cleaner, and a pair of socks with Dachshunds on them became the prized gifts sought after. One time in particular, a red bungee cord had changed hands multiple times and when the gentleman who lost the red one went to select a new gift, and he opened a blue bungee cord everyone laughed at his luck to get another one. Another event we did for the first time this year was to go and sing Christmas carols at the nursing home in Saladas. Our group also made handmade Christmas tree ornaments and put together gift bags with little treats in them. The supervisor for the center was overjoyed to have us come. We later found out that the nursing home had never had carolers come before. We concluded then and there that we would be coming back throughout the year to sing, visit the residents and present the gospel. Betty, a member of the mission work, offered to organize this ministry. It is always such a joy to see our people here take on the responsibility for a ministry and see the need to share the gospel with people in their community. Another blessing from our time at the nursing home, was that it opened the door with a family who lives on our street. They have a verdulería, which is a (Continued on page 2)

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fruit and veggie stand, where we shop each week, and the wife's father is in the nursing home. The director shared with them pictures of all of us and they were so thankful that we took the time to minister to those that most seem to have forgotten. Since then, the family's two young adult daughters have been to church twice, and we are hoping to grow our relationship with them and find out more about how to minister to them.

Upcoming events for our mission work to pray for: January 28th, 2026 will be our second anniversary for the mission work and baptismal service. We have 3 candidates for baptism and are looking forward to see them follow the Lord in biblical baptism. These three have been faithfully attending our church services and Bible studies, where they have professed Christ as their Savior, and now seek to become a member through biblical baptism. Join us in praying for them as they take this next step in their spiritual walk with the Lord.



Prayer Requests:

1. Please pray for our house in Saladas as we make the needed repairs.
2. Please pray for the Mission Work Anniversary and baptismal service in Saladas.
3. Please pray for souls to be saved here in Saladas.
4. Please pray for my daughter Claire's salvation.
5. Please pray for the health of our family.

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!



In Christ, THE TUNNELL FAMILY



THANK YOU

for the Christmas offerings to our family!

Because of your generosity we were able to purchase bikes for our family.