

September & October 2023

TUNNELS TO ARGENTINA



Greetings to all our friends in the faith,

Seeing the ministry: Hello everyone! We are so excited to share with you all what God is doing and all that has transpired since our last newsletter here in Corrientes, Argentina. In September, my parents came to visit us and spent three weeks with us. My parents have always been mission minded and I praise the Lord for that because they encouraged me to take part in faith promise giving to missions, take mission trips and read missionaries letters. Mom (Melinda) has been on a mission trip to Mexico in which I accompanied her at age 14 and Dad (J.C.) has been to Ghana, Africa for the organization of a church, ordination of it's pastor and to visit another missionary in the area. While they came to see our family, they also came to see our ministry and the need for the Gospel to be shared in Corrientes, Argentina. Mom and Dad went to services with us, attended my Sunday school class, went on a couple of visits with us to invite people to Bible studies and see the park ministries for kids. It was great for them to be able to see the people, culture, the city of Corrientes, but most importantly the need for the gospel in Corrientes. There is so much idolatry here. There are stores full of idols of the Mother Mary, the Virgen of Itatí (the virgin appearance in Argentina), the Spirit of Death, Gauchito Gil (Patron Saint of Argentina, and also the servant of Death), other so called saints, with shrines and alters scattered all through out the city to each one. My neighbor even has a shrine to The Virgen of Itatí in his front patio. There is a spiritual darkness here where people place their faith in man-made images that are as dead as the wood, stone, plaster and plastic that they are made from. However, in the darkness we are to be the light! That is what I wanted my parents to see - the need! There is hope for these people, and that hope is Jesus Christ our Savior. When you read our newsletters, or pray for us because you have our prayer card, pray for open doors, prayer for Matis and Juana, Marcelo, Vicente, Caesar and Ezekiel who all work at the verdulería (fruit and vegetable stand) who we have invited to services, Xiomara and Antonio in our English Class, Jorge and Mirta our neighbors and the countless others we are coming into contact with in Corrientes and that we will have open doors to share with them the Way, Truth and Life, The Gospel, Jesus the Christ, who is their hope for eternal life!

Ministry in Corrientes: Ministry work is always busy. Our goal is to be productive, as well as busy. I have been able to preach every other Tuesday and Saturday nights and a Sunday school class every Sunday morning. If you have ever worked at learning another language the best way to learn is to just dive in and tread water the best you can. The people have been very patient and helpful in me learning the language and I am grateful for that. We are also working to find a office space on a main street of town where we can setup up a space for English classes and Bible studies. We have two places we are currently looking at. Our request is that you please pray for God's will concerning the spaces and that He will provide the space we need for our ministry.

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iMinistry: On another note, our kids contracted chicken pox in October and as many of you know it takes about 10-14 days for them to get over it and heal. Having four kids it took the better part of the month of October for them all to heal. They are doing well and we understand this is just part of living in another country.

Concerning our English classes, we have added two more students to our class: Antonio and his daughter Xiomara (she is also in my Sunday School class). Both have experience in primary school with English: the alphabet, numbers 1-10 and very basic greetings. I am excited that they have joined our class and I will be teaching them. Deirdre is teaching our advanced student Eva and doing a phenomenal job. It is a joy to see their faces light up as they are learning a new language. As always pray for us and our ministry here and for the furtherance of the Gospel



19 yr Church Anniversary



Haircut with Nana



September Birthday Celebration



English Class



The Coffee Shop



Kids day at the park
Sunday school
ministry

Prayer Requests:

1. **Praise:** Kids are all healed from the chicken pox.
2. **Praise:** We have two new students in our English class.
3. **Praise:** We had a marvelous visit with my Parents for the three weeks they were with us here in Corrientes.
4. We still have not received the DNI cards (Argentine identification) for Claire, so please pray we can resolve it.
5. We need new ministry spaces in both Corrientes and Saladas. Pray for the people and opportunities to share the Gospel.
6. Ongoing Spanish lessons and that we improve quickly.