

September and October 2025

TUNNELLS TO ARGENTINA



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

September - Things continue to move forward here in Argentina with the ministry and the ministry house remodel. As mentioned in our last newsletter we purchased a house in the town of Saladas, where our church plant is located. The house is old, built around 1894 from what we know, and it has good bones but there are updates needed as no one has lived in the house for somewhere between 6-15 years. We have received different information from both the realtor and all our neighbors. We replaced a portion of the roof where our bedrooms, bathroom and living room are located which is actually the newest portion of the house. All the electrical needed to be updated and while there is no city code for that here in Saladas, our general contractor highly suggested it and we agreed, as some of the wiring was so old it still had cloth insulation around the cables. The house only has one bathroom, needless to say, it was in pretty bad shape. The water supply lines were lead and the sewage lines had collapsed. This was a blessing in disguise because they originally had a septic tank for the sewage. However, due to the location of the city sewage lines, we were able to connect to it easily, once we received our permit to do so. It has been a learning experience for me as the construction here in Saladas is all brick, mortar and concrete, which is much different than the wood construction we are used to in the States. If you have a Facebook or Instagram account please follow us at [Tunnellstoargentina](https://www.facebook.com/Tunnellstoargentina), where you will be able to see more of the photos and daily updates on both our ministry and remodel. **October** - Since June, the Martin family has been in the States on furlough and we have been attending to our ministry here in Saladas. It has been over two and a half years since we have been back to the states and October 18th was Deirdre's sister's wedding. Bruce and Provi Martin are veteran missionaries to Latin America and David's parents and they graciously volunteered to come and oversee the mission work here so David and his family could finish furlough and we could attend the wedding of Deirdre's sister. This was a huge blessing and we are so grateful to them. We had a wonderful time in the States and while this was a short family trip, it was a full schedule. We attended the wedding, visited family, our home church, had new family photos taken and returned to Argentina. We would have loved to see everyone and spend more time in the States, however, we have a mission work with people we care very much about and we needed to get back in Argentina. It was wonderful to return to the States even if for a short time. The wedding was beautiful and a joyful occasion and we all joined in to get last minute things completed. Deirdre was a bridesmaid, Claire the flower girl and the rest of us were greeters and ushers. We thank the Lord for Uncle Nate, the newest addition to the family. We also were able to see our grandparents, parents and extended family during this trip and it was a joy to see them and spend time with them. This was especially special for Deirdre as her grandmother, 99 years of age, had moved down to Texas to live with Deirdre's parents and was able to meet our three youngest kids for the first time in person. It was a joyful time. Another need we filled on this trip was clothes. Our kids have been growing so quickly and they were in dire need of clothes and shoes. We are so grateful for the opportunity to get them what they needed since clothes and shoes in Argentina are expensive and often difficult for us to find the correct sizes and good quality for our family's needs. Our next planned trip to the States will be for our furlough in fall of 2027 into spring of 2028 so we will see you all in person then. (Continued on page 2)

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Upcoming events for our mission work to pray for: November 19 - 23 we will be having a family conference. This is the second year for this event. We had a good turnout for this last year and we are hoping for another one this year. Our theme this year is “Divine Design: Families Built God’s Way”, from Psalm 127:1 “Except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it”. We have a guest speaker, Pastor Facundo Martinez from Buenos Aires and his family will also be able to be with us during the conference. Deirdre and Kelsi will have a kids’ Bible school during this event with Bible lessons, crafts and games. So please pray for us all as we seek to present the Gospel and Biblical family truths and principles during the conference.

Some pictures to enjoy: We look forward to sharing with you more in the months to come on how God is moving in Saladas. Love, the Tunnell Family



Prayer Requests:

1. Please pray for our house in Saladas as we make the needed repairs.
2. Please pray for the Family Conference and our mission work here 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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