



DAVID, KELSI & LUKAS  
**THE MARTIN FAMILY**  
MISSIONARIES TO ARGENTINA



Dear Pastors and Praying Friends,

December 14, 2022

The last few months have been filled to the brim with activities, and with the arrival of summer in Argentina, we don't expect to slow down any time soon.

#### **Family News**

We have been blessed with visits from both sides of our families over the last two months. Kelsi's parents, grandmother, and sister were able to come in October, while my parents joined us for a few weeks in November and spent the Thanksgiving holiday with us in Corrientes. It's always an encouragement to have the support of our families as we labor.

While we have had some bouts of sickness, the Lord has blessed us with generally good health. We are so thankful. You may remember I had asked for prayer for Kelsi regarding her thyroid in the last letter. She was able to receive the pills she needed, and she is doing much better.

#### **Ministry Updates**

While schools in the states are preparing for Christmas break, Argentine schools are gearing down the school year. English lessons are coming to a close for a few months. Summer is in full swing, and with it, Correntinos are out and about. I don't understand the allure of being out in temperatures over 100 degrees, but they love summer here.

The positive side is that it gives us more opportunities. One such opportunity is singing Christmas carols downtown and in two other parks in town, accompanied by a gospel message. This will be taking place on the 17<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, and 21<sup>st</sup> of this month. We would appreciate prayers that the Lord would help us to cross paths with souls willing to stop, listen, and receive the truth.

We had asked for prayer as we sought for another office space in town for English lessons and Bible studies. The Lord blessed us with a place that is much more accessible and slightly cheaper than the previous space. Thank you for praying with us about that need.

Regular discipleship classes will continue through the summer. It has been a blessing to see these men continue to come and learn. Please pray that the Lord will continue working through them. There are a few of them who just want to learn more and grow in Christ while a couple of them have expressed a possible desire to serve the Lord in ministry in the future.

The Lord allowed me to make a trip to Chiapas, Mexico at the end of October through beginning of November where my grandfather served for many years. I was able to take a national pastor friend along. Brother Mattias and I were able to preach in 60 churches. The Lord allowed us to participate in two missions conferences, a youth rally, and a church organization.

In our last letter, we had asked prayer as we search for a place to hold some bible studies in the town of Saladas. The place we had considered in the sports club fell through in the moment, but we are hoping that the director will work with us on a better price. We were able to see a few other places a few days ago, and one in particular caught our eye. Please pray with us about which would be the best option. We need to make a decision within the next week or so.

We have had more opportunities lately to witness to our neighbors Jorge, Susana and Mili. We know God's word will not return void. Please pray for their souls.

It is a bit discouraging to still need prayers for the arrival of our coworkers, but we know God must have a plan. They are waiting for one more seal and translation on some documents before they can receive their visas. Please continue praying for the Tunnell family. I know they would appreciate it.

#### **Other News**

We will not pursue any more of Eliza's American paperwork until after the first of the year. With the holidays, things will be moving much slower in the government offices. Please pray that January may be the month we are able to get everything finished. We are ready for our girl to be recognized as an American.

#### **Prayer Requests**

- For continued opportunities with current contacts and English lessons
- For the salvation of Jorge, Susana and Mili
- For a space to rent in Saladas
- For the Tunnell Family's arrival
- For Eliza's paperwork

In His Service,

David Martin and Family

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"But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts:  
and be ready always to give an answer to every  
man that asketh you a reason of the hope that  
is in you with meekness and fear"

I Peter 3:15