



DAVID, KELSI & LUKAS
THE MARTIN FAMILY
MISSIONARIES TO ARGENTINA



Dear Pastors and Praying Friends,

May 23, 2021

Please forgive our tardiness in getting another report to you all. There was a bit of a mix up, but we are back on track now. Regardless, the Lord has been so good to us over the last few months.

Family News

Our family is doing well. We try to find a good balance between ministry and family life.

Lukas is doing well both in his home studies and in his learning of the Spanish language. He continues to improve all the time and seems to have no problem being around others who don't speak English.

Eliza is already 8-months-old and into everything. We've been so thankful for her little life and enjoy watching her grow and learn.

I realized that I haven't updated for awhile on Kelsi's language studies. She has made progress in leaps and bounds in the amount of time we have been here in Argentina. She now can communicate with the people without issues. At this point, she is just adding to her vocabulary.

Ministry Updates

In March, we started offering English lessons in the downtown area two times a week. This has been a blessing for us. In our advanced class, we have about 5 people that we have been able to form relationships with. Two of them have even accepted invitations into our home. This is huge because Argentines don't generally open up until they know you are their friend. We are so thankful for this opportunity.

I have still been able to give discipleship classes/Bible studies to those I mentioned in my last letter. It is a blessing to see these five grow and ask questions. Last month, another young man asked to start, as well. I started lessons with Mattias about a month ago. Please pray for him and his walk with the Lord.

Early this month, we were finally able to receive our second vehicle. The blessing in this is that I will now be able to travel farther into the province to minister, since Kelsi will not be left without a vehicle should an emergency arise with the kids.

You may remember I had mentioned a ministry opportunity several months ago in a small town an hour and a half away called Saladas. For awhile, any opportunities had seemed to fizzle out. Now it seems another opportunity has come up in Saladas, and we would appreciate your prayers as we explore exactly how to reach the people there. We have been told it is a difficult area, but we know that the Lord desires for them to know of him, and we are just praying that he will soften their hearts for the arrival of the gospel. We are planning a trip to Saladas within the next couple of weeks after we iron out a couple of details.

Within the next month, we are looking to begin a Bible study in the small town of Santa Ana, about 20 minutes outside of Corrientes. Please pray as we search for a place to hold them. One of the most difficult things about starting anything in the smaller villages is a location to do so. The parks are always a possibility, but lately we have had a lot of rain.

We would like to praise the Lord that Argentina has finally decided to get rid of all Covid restrictions except for masks. We can work around the masks, but not being able to travel freely made ministry very difficult. We are praising him that we don't have to worry about that anymore.

Our ministry partners, Jarrod and Deirdre Tunnell, came to visit this month. The Lord has allowed them to finish their deputation journey, and they are now preparing to move to Corrientes within the next couple of months. Praise the Lord, they were able to find a house during their visit. Now, we would appreciate prayers as they finish all of their visa paperwork. Because they are still learning the language, I am the mediator for all of this. It takes a lot of time and patience, so I would appreciate your prayers. We are excited to see their arrival and begin working together.

American Citizenship for Eliza

There is never an end to paperwork and bureaucracy when you live in a foreign country. We are still waiting on Eliza's Argentine passport. We have been informed that it is done and will be delivered soon. However, her American paperwork to receive her citizenship has taken a lot of time to prepare. We never realized how much work it was, but we are hoping to receive an appointment for that this next month. Please continue praying about that.

Prayer Requests

- For continued opportunities with current contacts and English lessons
- For the ministry opportunity in Saladas
- That we will find a place for a Bible study in Santa Ana
- For Eliza's paperwork

In His Service,

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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