



DAVID, KELSI & LUKAS
THE MARTIN FAMILY
MISSIONARIES TO ARGENTINA



Dear Pastors and Praying Friends,

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As you all gear up for the cooler weather, we are entering the warmer months. While it makes for some miserable moments in this subtropical climate, the plus side is that the Correntinos come out in droves. This means more ministry opportunities.

Ministry Updates

Your giving continues to be used for God's glory as we have distributed more boxes of literature. There is still more, as well! At the beginning of October, we will be bringing another load to Buenos Aires. Others have been sent via a shipping company. It gives us great joy to see God's Word being sent out, and he promises it will not return void.

Bible studies continue. I usually have two or three a week between five individuals. It's a blessing to share God's word and give the opportunity for these men to grow more in their walks with the Lord.

We ask you to pray for the ministries in Saladas and Mercedes. In Saladas, we have realized that the location of the storefront we have been using isn't optimal. We are searching for one closer to the center of town. Since many people here don't own vehicles, we are hoping it will make it easier for people to come.

In November, we are planning a special function in the park for the kids of the Saladas community. Please pray that it is well attended and gives us opportunities with the parents. We are also planning a special talk about mental health with the assistance of a friend who is a doctor and believer. The idea is to attract people with the "credibility" of a medical professional. There will of course be biblical content presented to those attending and a clear gospel presentation. Saladas is a town filled with depression and abuse.

Please pray for Dario and Paula in Mercedes. I continue to make the three hour drive every other Saturday. On the other Saturdays, we do everything by video. They are very discouraged and alone. Every visit, they soak up the teaching and fellowship. You may remember that Mercedes is the headquarters of Gauchito Gil worship. It is a place filled with demonic activity. We are praying about what to do moving forward. It is difficult to get people to come.

Last month, the Lord allowed me to make a trip to Mexico with three Argentine pastors. We were blessed to preach a youth conference where 9 young people professed Christ. We were also able to do a circuit, preaching at 9 other churches. It is always a time of encouragement to be with the brethren there. They ministered to us. The believers in Argentina don't always get the opportunity to see ministry outside of their country. Argentina is a hard place to minister, and the discouragement sets in quick. It is good for them to be reminded that God is working and can do the same in Argentina with willing vessels.

We have recently been made more aware of the satanic strongholds here. Idol worship has always been prominent. The worship of Gauchito Gil and Santa Muerte (Saint Death) are always happening. One religion that has come more out into the open is Umbanda. It combines spiritism with Afro-Brazilian religions and is very common in Corrientes. It involves animal sacrifice, and this often takes place in the public park. Spell casting is a common occurrence here, as well. We need your prayers. Argentina needs your prayers. Corrientes needs your prayers. Satan's stronghold here sometimes overwhelms and discourages us. But, we know that our God is stronger. Please pray that he gives us wisdom and that the strongholds would be broken.

In October, our sending church has asked us to come back to celebrate Metropolitan Baptist Church's 100th anniversary. We will also be visiting some of our supporting churches in the Fort Worth and Dallas area. Please pray for our trip. We return at the beginning of November and will hit the ground running.

Family News

The Lord allowed us to make a small trip to Nebraska for Kelsi's brother's wedding. It was Eliza's first trip to the United States. Much of the family had never met her.

Aside from fighting a bit with the allergies and colds that come as the weather changes, we are well. Thank you for bringing us before the Throne of Grace.

Prayer Requests

- Our outreach endeavors in Corrientes, Saladas and Mercedes
- That God would provide more men to disciple
- For the strongholds of Satan to be broken and the gospel to shine through
- Our trip in October

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