

EAST PARK BAPTIST CHURCH - 1919 BALTIMORE AVE. - DECATUR, IL 62521

The OWENS



Argentina

Field Address:

Francisco de Aquirre 2050  
San Miguel de Tucuman  
4000 Argentina

July 31, 2018

Dear Friends,

We thank you folks for your out-pouring of prayers, love, and financial help in this difficult time. I have never felt the love of God's people so much as in this time of our life. I believe most of you know that my wife, Ruth, passed away the 13<sup>th</sup> of July in Decatur, Illinois. The cancer had spread through her body including her intestines, liver, lymph nodes and glands. It's still hard to believe that she went so fast.

We are so glad that she's in the presence of the Lord, no more pain, no more sorrow for her. She's much better off than we are. We are also so thankful for her life and love for the Lord. She was not afraid to die and wanted God's will for her life. "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints." Psalms 116:15.

We give thanks to the Lord that he used the funeral to touch many hearts and many watched the live stream in Argentina and Mexico. Over 5,900 people watched the live stream of the service, and the gospel went out all across the world because of her death. Praise the Lord for her life given to the Lord and that she finished in victory the race that God had for her. The financial help from everyone has been a great blessing and encouragement. The medical care has been very expensive in Mexico and also in the USA. I'm not sure what the total is because the hospital bills are still coming in, but we still lack a good portion of the bill.

Please pray for me and my three sons, David, Joshua, and Caleb. It is a very hard time for each of us. Pray that we can be a good testimony of the grace of God in our lives. I plan to stay about 2 months in the states, then go back to the work in Argentina.

God bless you all!

In His service,

*Larry Owens*

Larry Owens, Joshua, Caleb



Baptist International Missions, Inc., P.O. Box 9215, Chattanooga, TN 37412



July 31, 2018

Dear Pastor,

Along with the prayer letter of Brother Owens updating you on the most recent events of his life, I just wanted to take a moment to thank each of the supporting churches for your prayers, and ministry in giving on behalf of the Owens family. Many of you have called to voice your condolences and assuring the family of prayer, and many, many churches have contributed financially as well.

I want to thank you for so graciously standing behind Bro. Owens at this difficult time and being the blessing that you have been. It has been amazing to see the body of Christ draw together and function in such an incredible way. God is glorifying Himself even through these difficult circumstances! There is still some challenging days ahead as Brother Larry and his three sons adjust to life without Ruth. Please continue to pray for their spiritual well-being and God's grace to be poured out in their lives.

As you can imagine the medical bills are significant, and I want to thank each of you again for the generosity you have shown. Many churches have taken special offerings which has been a tremendous blessing. Many have asked how much of Brother Owen's medical bills have already been paid, and while it is not possible to answer that question yet, the best estimate is about half of his medical expenses have been paid. God has done some amazing things, and we wait with great expectancy on what God will yet do.

Thank you again for being a blessing and encouragement to the Owens. You have been an instrument of grace in their lives.

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ryan K. Banman" followed by a horizontal line.

Pastor Ryan K. Banman

RKB:bjw