



The GRINSTEAD Family

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ARGENTINA

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Dear Praying Friends,

Thank you for your faithful prayers and support. During the past few months we have seen God bless in some wonderful ways. To begin with, we are rejoicing in the salvation of a young man named Gustavo. I first met Gustavo shortly after arriving in Argentina. At that time, he was working in a hardware store, where I frequently went to purchase supplies for making repairs to our house. Let me share a short quotation from our first prayer letter after arriving in Argentina to give you some perspective. *“For the first two weeks of being in our house I had to go to the hardware store just about every day. At first, I would go down the list of possible Spanish words for whatever I needed. Finally, I learned to just go with a picture of it on my phone and let them tell me what it was. This has proven to be kind of fun when it’s not frustrating.”* Shortly after this, Gustavo lost his job at the hardware store due to some personal problems. Then a few months ago a new grocery store opened about a half a block from our house. The store is called “ArgenChino” because it is owned and operated by a family from China; please keep this Chinese family in your prayers as we have been trying to share the gospel with them. While shopping in the ArgenChino grocery store, we met a gentleman named Daniel who works in the meat department. Daniel would often give us recommendations of different Argentine meats and advice on cooking them. One day Daniel called me over from the other side of the store and shared some concerns he and his wife were having for their son. We listened and promised to do all that we could to help them and their son. A few days later, Daniel introduced me to his son, who was helping in the meat department, when his son excitedly said, “We have already met. I used to work at the hardware store, and you would come in with pictures of what you needed because you didn’t know the Spanish words. I used to always help you and try to guess what you needed.” I instantly remembered who he was. This prior interaction, from nearly a year and a half ago, really helped Gustavo open up to us about his problems and accept our help. I must admit that the experience of going to the hardware store was a VERY difficult and embarrassing time for me, personally. It was an experience that I would have gladly changed if I could have. But now I realize that if it had not been for my struggle with Spanish, Gustavo would never have remembered me, or felt at ease accepting our help. I have often said that God can even use our weaknesses for His glory, but I never imagined that He had a plan for my struggles in the hardware store.



Jeremiah 1:6-7 *“Then said I, Ah, Lord GOD! behold, I cannot speak: for I am a child. But the LORD said unto me, Say not, I am a child: for thou shalt go to all that I shall send thee, and whatsoever I command thee thou shalt speak.”*

Exodus 4:10 *“And Moses said unto the LORD, O my Lord, I am not eloquent, neither heretofore, nor since thou hast spoken unto thy servant: but I am slow of speech, and of a slow tongue. And the LORD said unto him, Who hath made man's mouth? or who maketh the dumb, or deaf, or the seeing, or the blind? have not I the LORD? Now therefore go, and I will be with thy mouth, and teach thee what thou shalt say.”*

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