The GRINSTEAD Family

Missionaries in the country of ARGENTINA

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Dear Praying Friends,

It is an exciting time to be in Argentina. We have seen the Lord bless with some new people attending the services and with the spiritual growth of those who have already been attending. There have been three people from Venezuela and one gentleman from Paraguay who have recently started attending. We have also received questions from another family from Venezuela who will be moving to our city soon and are looking for a church just like ours. Not only have we seen new growth from other countries, but we have also seen some people, whom we have been praying for, come. Please pray for Dana and her teenage daughter. Dana is the sister and daughter of some of our members. Last month, the ladies of our church had a baby shower for Dana, hoping and praying that showing such kindness during this life-changing moment would open her heart to us, the church, and to the Lord. She was very appreciative of the surprise baby shower and last week came to her first church activity, a mother daughter banquet, and last Sunday she also came to our special Mother's Day service. Mother's Day is in October here in Argentina. The theme of the ladies' banquet was "Looking Unto Jesus." You can see some of the decorations in the pictures to the left of April with our children.

With all the special events for the women, we felt like it would be a good idea to have an "asado" (Argentine BBQ) for the men. Two of Caleb's and Joel's friends, Felipe and Nahuel, attended the asado. We enjoyed the good Christian fellowship and I shared a devotion to conclude the meal. Our desire is to continue with the men's asado on a monthly or bimonthly basis. I used the asado as an opportunity to invite Julio, from the vegetable market, to a church activity. You might remember Julio from previous prayer letters. He was not able to attend the asado, but I think he is starting to feel bad about saying no to me all the time, and he promised to come to the next men's asado. April also invited his wife Claudia to the ladies' banquet. Please continue to pray for Julio and Claudia. They are a precious family and we can feel their hesitation concerning religion of any sort. Please pray that with the Lord's help we will be able to gain their confidence. They shut down quickly when we bring up a conversation about the church, but they never stop showing interest in us and kindness towards us.

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