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Dear Friends,

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Praise the Lord for His abundant grace in our lives! This summer has been filled with many blessings. My son, Caleb, and I have been traveling across the United States preaching in churches. Caleb and I returned to the US in July so that he could take the GED exam and the required entrance exam for Pensacola Christian College. We are praising the Lord for his success on those tests as he has not been schooled on a regular basis this past year since the loss of his mother. Caleb will be moving into the college dormitory on the 25th of August. He plans to take general courses his first year as he continues to pray for God's direction in declaring a major. We are also praising the Lord that he found a job at a mall to pay for his college expenses. I appreciate your prayers for him as it will be difficult for him to be alone in the US. He has experienced major changes since the passing of his mother last year, and now he is starting a new chapter in his life as he begins college in the United States.

The 13th of July marked one year since the passing of my wife, Ruth. I praise God for her life and for her service to the Lord. I am grateful that she reared our boys to live good lives and to fear the Lord. My son, Joshua, plans to return to the US in January 2020 to raise support for his mission work in Argentina. The Lord is blessing him with booking meetings. If you are interested in having him in 2020, please contact me, and then he will follow through with making arrangements with you. My son, David, will soon be celebrating the one-year anniversary of New Hope Baptist Church which he planted in Cordoba, Argentina. At the one-year mark, people will be able to become members of the church. In recent weeks, he has been teaching a series of lessons on church membership.

While I have been in the US this summer, the work has been progressing at our church in Tucuman, Argentina, under the leadership of Pastor George. The church has had visiting preachers, and souls have continued to come to Christ. I praise the Lord for the dedication of Pastor George to the work there and for his passion to win souls. Our college in Argentina has just begun its second semester. New students have recently enrolled. The men were happy to move into the dormitory that the college recently acquired. Please pray for the students as we continue to train them to plant churches and to serve God in full-time Christian ministries.

I also would like to ask for prayer for the political and economic conditions in Argentina. Within a few days after the primary elections that were held on Sunday, the 11<sup>th</sup> of August, the peso devaluated over 25%. The stock market dropped 48%, which is the second highest drop of any country. Inflation is rampant. The stores in Tucuman were closed on Monday, the day after the elections, because the proprietors did not know how to price the items. One of the presidential candidates who will be on the ballot for the general election in October has communist leanings. Please pray for the course that Argentina will take as the people are very uncertain of the future.

Thank you very much for your prayers and support which have made this work for the Lord to the people of Tucuman, Argentina possible.

Yours faithfully,

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