



# The Todd Family

Missionaries to

## Argentina

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Dear Pastor and Church,

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December and January have flown by as they usually do for us. There is so much going on we hardly have time to catch our breath. Getting ready for Christmas activities, our children's visit, our anniversary and the camp season, it has all come and gone so fast it hardly seems possible.

This year for Christmas we decided to try doing something we had never done before, a Christmas cantata. We have a good group of singers and someone who knows how to direct a choir so we started practicing several months before. As things started to sound pretty good we thought we would try to take it to the community instead of just expecting them to come to us. One of the members of the choir has a relative who is a voice teacher who was planning his end of year concert. Hearing of our choir, he invited us to be a part of the concert and gave us the opportunity to share the Christmas message through song. We were able to sing several songs for about a hundred people present that night. For most it was the first time they had heard Christian Christmas music. It was well received it seems, and there were many positive comments. We are praying the seed that was sown will in time produce fruit in those who heard. We also did the full cantata at our church and had five visitors for that service. One of these was a neighbor from across the street who won't allow her children to come to our Sunday school. We have been praying for all our neighbors so this was an answer to prayer.

Michael and Stephany were able to visit us for the holidays as I mentioned in our last letter. It was such a blessing having them home for a while, but time flies when you're having fun, right? It was all over way too soon and they are back at school. We thank the Lord for the way God is using them and working in their lives. We are so proud of them.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> of January Sandy and I celebrated our 25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary (celebrated, is just a manner of speaking as there was no party or special event). It is so busy for us during that time and finances are so stretched we didn't do much. When all the summer activity is over hopefully we will be able to do something special. I just thank the Lord for a very understanding wife. She is truly a blessing to me and deserves a special prize for putting up with me for so long!

Camp season is almost over; we only have the pastor's retreat left this month. Once again the Lord gave us a wonderful camp time. The first week we had a record attendance, 132 campers, with a total of 160 including all the workers. This was our largest camp ever. The spirit was wonderful and in spite of the crowd we had no problems whatsoever. The other two weeks were very good as well. During the three weeks we saw 31 make professions of faith, and many more making decisions of commitment to the Lord. We have been doing several construction projects at our camp that keeps me on the go quite a bit. The Lord willing after the camps are over we will be replacing the roof on several dorms. Thank you for your prayers.

All of this does not happen without opposition from Satan who is constantly trying to discourage. While we were away at camp there were two attempts at breaking in to our church building. They tried smashing windows and the glass front door. Their attempts did not succeed thanks to the safety glass we had in place, but the damage is extensive and costly to repair. Pray we can get this fixed soon and that the Lord

will provide the finances necessary. There's one more need for the church I would like to share. We need to install natural gas to our building before the inspection expires, and in order to do so we need to purchase the heating unit. The cost of the unit is around \$5,000 dollars which is beyond our reach at the moment. Pray that we can get this done before our winter sets in.

Let me encourage you to go to our blog and WEB page for additional information or pictures of our ministry, here are the links. May the Lord bless your faithfulness!

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Pressing toward the mark,

Mike and Sandy