



Dear Pastor and Church,

February 2016

Greetings to all our friends and supporters, it is our prayer that the Lord is blessing each and every one of you as he has us. Last Friday we finished up our last activity out at the Camp. We are officially done for the season, at least with the ministry part. We will be tackling other projects out there this year as the Lord provides the finances. We had a good summer with a total of 28 professions of faith during the camps and many more decisions as well. This year we incorporated a small zip line to the activities which the kids enjoyed very much, both young and old. If you go to our media links you can see pictures and videos of all the activity. We also suffered frequent power outages that complicated things, but it is camp after all! We had no mayor accidents this year but we did have a breakout of some kind of virus during the children's camp that sent a few kids home. Our couples retreat wasn't as well attended as other years but we still had a great time. Our pastors' retreat was a good time of encouragement and fellowship. I was happy to see some young ministry families there, which means there is another generation coming up behind us. All in all, we had a very positive season. Now I'm looking forward to sleeping in my own bed for a while!

In December the new President took office here in Argentina. As is normal here when these transitions take place things tend to go a little crazy. This time is no exception. As the saying goes: "it's going to get worse before it gets better". Well, things have gotten worse as far as the economy is concerned. Argentina has always had problems with inflation, especially during these transitions. Since December we have seen the inflation rates increase 40%. To put this in practical terms, it means that in these two months the incomes have lost almost half of their value. If you can imagine what this might do to your personal income, then you will have an idea how most people feel in Argentina. When the economy is bad the crime rate tends to increase as well making things more unstable. All these things affect our family and ministry possibilities, so please keep us in your prayers that the Lord will continue to provide for our safety and finances.

On a sad note, in January we said good bye to my parents, Richard and Lynda Todd, who officially retired after 50 years as missionaries here in Argentina. Their health would no longer allow them to continue even though their heart is still filled with passion for their calling. They made an impact on so many lives in this country that the full extent of their ministry will only be known when we get to Heaven. They have been an example to me all of my life and I thank them for that and the Lord for putting me in this family. Argentina will never be the same without them. Pray for them as they make this difficult transition at this stage in life.

Life and ministry goes on. Pray for us as we turn our attention back to the church here in Junín and that the Lord would give us wisdom and continue to lead us this year.

We are still raising money to rebuild the camp pool. Here is a link to a video some of our campers made to help raise funds: <http://mikeandsandytoddargentina.synthasite.com/pool-project-video.php>.

We thank you for your faithfulness and prayers for our ministry. It is a privilege to be co-laborers together with you here in Argentina.

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Your Missionaries,
Mike and Sandy