



The Todd Family

Missionaries to

Argentina

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Dear Pastor and Church,

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Winter is in full swing now and we are facing 0° C weather. I'm sure this is a refreshing thought for those experiencing a heat wave right now. Winter for us means cold, humidity, lots of layers of clothing and very low gas pressure. It is so low we have a hard time keeping our water heater lit and or enough to cook with. Lately we have to resort to cooking on a camp stove to get dinner on the table. But this is just part of our daily life and things you get used to. Like dealing with red tape and the bureaucratic process for everything. Latest on our list has been trying to figure out what to do about a car with duplicate tags the same as ours. This has become a common thing here lately to avoid taxes and tickets. That is how I discovered we had a twin car - I got a ticket in the mail from a place that I hadn't been. Trying to prove that it wasn't me has been an interesting task, which I failed and had to pay the ticket anyway. So far it involved two trips to the police station, two trips to the motor vehicle office to verify that I actually had the legitimate car (the first time included an hour and a half wait, the second, a two and a half hour wait), One visit to my legal advisors office, two trips to Buenos Aires (300 miles per trip), plus the expenses. I had to pay the ticket anyway and the problem of the twin car is not any closer to being solved. It is amazing how much time it takes to deal with this kind of thing. It keeps life interesting, I guess!

The end of May the men from the church went to a men's retreat for three days. It is the second time we have been able to do something like this. The theme was on leadership and it struck home with the men of our church. They came back with a new energy for taking on responsibilities not only in their homes but also in the church. This following Sunday they will have the responsibility of the complete service as I will be gone helping another national pastor. I am confident they will do a great job.

We also hosted a Christian education conference with Pastor Enoch Gutierrez from Iglesia Bautista Bíblica Betel, in Queretaro, Mexico. A sister church in our city joined us for the seminar and workshop and it was a great challenge for both our churches on the importance of educating our churches in the Word of God. In June we had special services for father's day with a showing of the movie "Courageous". We only had one visitor come besides our members, but it was a very cold night. We will show it again when the weather is a little more forgiving. Now we are preparing for our winter DVBS next week, which is always so much fun. We have several different teachers taking part this year so it will be a little different set up. Pray the Lord will use this to reach new children as well as give us an open door into their homes.

Also be in prayer for Sandy; who is fighting a bad cold, and me as I am struggling with some lower back pain. Thankfully it is nothing too serious but it slows us down enough to bother.

For additional information or pictures of our ministry, here are the links to our WEB page and for Sandy's blog page. May the Lord bless your faithfulness!

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Pressing toward the mark,

Mike, Sandy, Michael and Stephany