



# The Todd Family

Missionaries to

## Argentina

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Dear Pastor and Church,

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The days are shorter and cooler and yesterday I spent some time raking leaves, so I guess fall is finally here for us. I have to admit I don't look forward to the colder weather like I used to, can't imagine why that is! I am thankful that our winters aren't as severe here as in other places.

After our summer activity was over we focused on renewing some of our ministries that needed a facelift; one of them being our children's ministry. We have had a hard time keeping a regular group so it was time to try something different. We started a kids club we call the Crusaders Club, it meets every other Saturday for right now. We have already seen several kids become more faithful in their attendance. We hope the group will keep growing as time goes on. Last Saturday we closed out the first six weeks with special guests and an award ceremony. The special guest was a fireman from our local fire department who came to give the kids a fire safety class and demonstrate how they use their gear. It was fun for the kids and a good opportunity to be a testimony to the fire department as we gave him a Bible and some cupcakes to share with his fellow firefighters. For the award ceremony four kids won a church t-shirt with the kids club logo on it. These they earned by attendance bringing visitors, and memorizing scripture. We have also changed the way we are working with the teens with more regular activities. This month they requested that we cover the subject of creation and evolution as it is something that they are faced with in school all the time. I am giving them the tools to know what they believe and defend their position among their peers. It is a blessing to see them grow in their faith in spite of tremendous pressure and opposition. Last week I was able to baptize Renzo who has been with us since he was about 8 years old. Now at 16 he got his parent's permission and asked to be baptized. His mother came for the very first time. His aunt and uncle who brought him in the first place also came, but haven't been in years to see him baptized. We also ask that you pray for Florencia who has been coming for several weeks. She is the older sister of one of our teens and is not saved. We have started her on a Bible study but she has not yet made a profession of faith.

The month of May is our mission's emphasis month. I started off Sunday preaching on the Power of the Commission. We are looking forward to a great month and our conference weekend as my dad will be preaching for us and challenging us to give more for missions. We have increased our faith promise giving every year and have increased the support we give our missionaries every year. Inflation rate is around 30% a year so we must keep up with our giving. Even with the difficult situation of the Argentine economy our giving has always grown. We are praying that this year will be no different. Giving is by faith not by sight.

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