



# The Todd Family

Missionaries to

## Argentina

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Dear Pastor and Church,

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November, Wow! Another year almost gone and I have so much to do still this year. It seems like my calendar steps on the accelerator as we get close to the end of the year. I'm sure it is the same for you. It is spring here and this is the time of year that our activity picks up considerably.

November means Thanksgiving for you and all that goes along with it (family, food, football, and black Friday deals). Hopefully some will thank God for the grace He has shed on us as well. No one knows about Thanksgiving here so the only reminder I have that it is coming up are the comments I see on social media of the many things people are thankful for every day.

Here in Argentina they have copied many things from other countries. One evening I was in a business and looking out the window I saw a teenager walking past with a scary mask on. My thought was "what is going on?" Then it hit me, it was Halloween. It is becoming more popular as they have tried copy this American custom. If they are going to copy something, why can't they copy something worthwhile? Thanksgiving is the only American holiday where we will get together with other missionaries to celebrate, and eat, of course, a traditional meal or as close to it as possible, and thank God for allowing us to know Him and serve Him. That is something worth celebrating.

In these past months the church has decided to make some changes in order to continue to minister effectively. Changes are never easy and some have not weathered the transition very well. So we are praying for them to make a stronger commitment to serve the Lord and be faithful to the services. We ask for your prayers as we seek to grow our outreach ministry. The need is great but the results are slow in coming. We are thankful for some recent opportunities that God has given Sandy and I to witness. Sandy has been walking and witnessing to a lady by the name of Gabriela. She is very interested and has started reading a Bible we gave her, but has not made a profession yet. I have also had the opportunity to speak with Ricardo and Agustin. Pray that we can reach them with God's love and they can come to know our Savior.

This year I have dedicated much of my time to the construction project out at our youth camp. We have replaced the roof on both boys' dorms, replaced the old electrical installation with a new underground connection, plastered the walls in the boys' dorms and now we are working on the new gas and plumbing installation. There is still much to do before camp season starts in January. Pray for us!!

The Lord willing we will be going to the States in the spring of 2014 for a short furlough. Our support level has been too low for too long, and we get news periodically of churches lowering or dropping our support. We will be looking to raise additional support so we can continue to do ministry here in Argentina. Keep us in your prayers.

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