

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Brethren,

It has been my privilege to have been invited by the church in Boulogne Sur Mer for a weekend gospel meeting. Boulogne Sur Mer is a suburb de Buenos Aires, the capital of Argentina, which is located 600 miles east of Mendoza. This effort was aided greatly by the members of the local church and by members of other congregations in the area. Jorge Trola is the faithful gospel preacher for this group. The members of this church are composed of various young couples. During this effort, one individual, Reimundo Marchan, was restored to the Lord. He had abandoned our Lord for ten years, but had always received encouragement from the brethren there to return to the faith. Both the angels in heaven and the saints on earth rejoice over his decision to make his life right with the Lord.

Recently, the church here in Mendoza had the opportunity to have a gospel meeting with Jorge Trola. As always, Jorge did an excellent job in presenting the word of God. His lessons were very encouraging to us. During this occasion, Jorge brought his wife Marta with him. This couple is well respected among the brethren here. Jorge is a hard worker. Many churches in Buenos Aires have benefited from his efforts. Please remember these faithful brethren in your prayers as they continue working in the vineyard of our Lord.

Steve Pullum, a brother from Wilmington, North Carolina, is visiting us for two weeks. This is his second time to be with us in Mendoza. His ability to speak Spanish is developing rapidly. In fact, this Sunday he will be preaching for us in Spanish for a second time. Steve has a good relationship with the church here and is very familiar with our customs. The congregation here thinks highly of Steve, and it seems that he loves us equally.

It appears to me that the church in Mendoza is doing well. During each service we have various visitors from the community. Currently, we have four home bible studies going with individuals who are not yet Christians. We have high expectations that these individuals will eventually obey the gospel. In addition, we have three new contacts. Some of them visit our worship services from time to time.

Recently, our adopted son, Ezequiel, celebrated his sixth birthday. Our oldest daughter, Sarai, is in her second trimester of pregnancy. According to the doctor, she will have another son. Our other daughter, Lidia, who lives in Buenos Aires, is in her first year of residency as a pediatric medical student. She spends quite a lot of time, working in the hospital to accomplish her goal to eventually become a specialist. My wife, Maria, continues caring for our son Ezequiel and helping me in the work of the Lord, visiting with me and helping me make contacts with others.

Once again, I want to thank you so much for the support that you are giving me. You are very special people to Maria and me. Please continue to remember us in your prayers. It is my prayer that God bless your efforts to spread the gospel in your area and to other parts of the world.

May the hand of God be with you,

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