

**"Not to us, O Lord, not to us, but to Thy name give glory because of Thy lovingkindness, because of Thy truth" (Psalm 115:1).**



Dear Friend,

July 1, 2005

Thank you for your prayers. I just returned from Argentina on the most productive trip I have ever taken from a ministry standpoint. I cannot believe how smooth every thing was, and how God blessed us and other people through our ministry. So many great things were accomplished during the trip and God deserves the praise for them all. He let His work appear to His servants (Psalm 91:16).

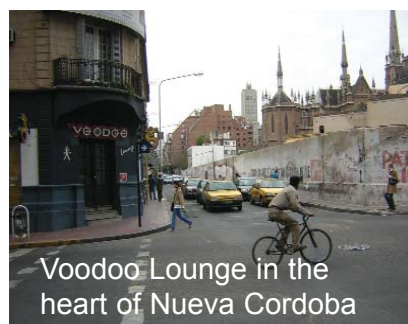
The stage is set for our arrival to Cordoba. **We are only seven months away from being in Argentina full-time**, although during my recent trip, I called Kristen and told her she should pack her bags and come join me. The need to plant a church in Nueva Cordoba is overwhelming. It is as great as the need in any spiritually dark part of the world. However, before we can go, we have a few administrative details to work through and the need to raise additional funds. I wish there was a way to be there even now.

As I traveled over the Andes and into Argentina, from the air I could see some of the pueblos without a testimony of the Gospel. After 20 hours of traveling overnight we arrived in Cordoba at 2pm on Saturday. At 9pm I preached on the Great Commission during the **10,000 Pueblos Missions Rally**. At the rally, Pablo Grimaylo said, "Yes, I will go wherever God leads me." This acknowledgement of God's calling over his life through the ministry of God's word and the Great Commission was then backed up with faithful obedience. Throughout the week of ministry, Pablo was there preaching the gospel that some might be saved. On Friday as we prayer walked through Nueva Cordoba, Pablo was there too showing our group where his cousin's "boliche" (dance club), the Voodoo Lounge, is so that we could pray for God to shatter the darkness.

As we **prayer walked around Nueva Cordoba**, where we will be working in the near future, I got the sense that it is an area with great need yet few have attempted to reach the people there, and none had been successful planting a church. Another day I met with random students at a coffee shop hangout. They were excited to hear more about what our "organization" will bring to the area, even though they really didn't have a clue about God's desire for their salvation. I basically described to them our mission statement for our church without using the word church: *Our mission is to show the world how to worship the only living God through a personal relationship with Christ in the context of a growing, vibrant Body of believers within the community.* Each one gave me their email address, and I hope to start corresponding with them, even before we get there. Being in Nueva Cordoba was the highlight of the week for me and some others.

The group that I mobilized with college leader David Lyles was a joy to work with. Each young person served the Lord with their whole heart, and

**Siesta time:** from left; Daniela, David Lyles, Pablo (standing), Adam Dunavant



**Voodoo Lounge in the heart of Nueva Cordoba**



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God used them greatly to reach people for eternity.

The report coming back from Barrio Malvinas is very impacting. Our objective was to reach people with the gospel, minister to new believers and encourage the workers in their ministry. One of the servants, Natalie Quiroga, wrote to us this week and said:

*"Many children came to the children's program this Saturday, but what impacted me most was to see the youth group filled up with 10 new boys between the ages of 14 and 16. Some of them made a decision for Christ on the Thursday you were here... I believe all the kids are different, God touched their hearts and ours' and I am learning to dedicate more time to them... We are preparing ourselves for all of the follow-up... many people who were evangelized are now waiting for us because the seed was planted in them and now we will play an important part in their growth."*

It was a joy for me to be able to personally lead some of those boys to Christ, with the help of Adam Dunavant and his personal testimony. We had just finished playing soccer with them, and were sitting down with them to drink some water when I told Adam that I thought they were struggling with drugs and that he should share his testimony. He made it clear that he was able to overcome drugs only through the power of Christ. During that time, 3 out of 4 of them accepted Christ, so it is a joy to know that they are now plugged in to the church through the youth group that meets on Saturday.

We would not have been able to do anything that we did without the help of Mary Gaborov and her co-worker Adriana. Mary told me that she is committing to work full-time with us when we arrive in Cordoba. Not only that, but several from the trip are now requesting short-term stints with our ministry. Please pray that God would make it clear to those He is really calling out for this purpose. Pray especially for Seth Morrow, as he has been praying for many months, and pray also for Dan and Millie Miles who are just starting the process of raising ministry partnerships to be full-time on the field with us in '06.

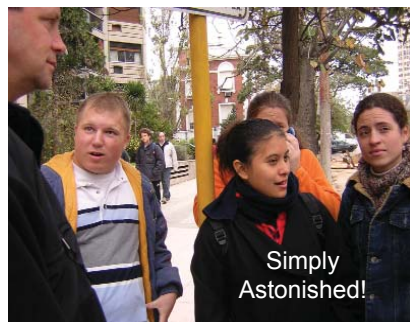
The hope that I have for our ministry is that we would not preach ourselves, but Christ. He is the only hope for transformation. When the true Gospel is preached and believed lives are transformed by God's grace and mercy. Please continue praying... Pray that we would be thrust out into the harvest field.

When I returned home, I was pleasantly surprised to see how Kristen's stomach has grown. The mother and baby are doing great, only 4 more months! Kristen is so beautiful. When she picked me up from the airport on Saturday, I wondered how it was possible that the Lord has entrusted me with such a beautiful wife. I am truly blessed in all things. Matt. 6:33.

Being Sent because of Grace,



Flavia and the boys:  
Joe, Pablo, David, Esteban



Simply  
Astonished!



Me, Scott and Ruben: Ruben, neighbor of the church, put his faith in Christ moments after this picture...



My good friends David and Scott interviewing someone on the street

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