

"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).



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Dear Partner in the Gospel,

From where I am sitting the world looks pretty different. Not only am I surrounded by old-world Spanish architecture, but the landscapes of people's minds are quite different. I am going to take a gamble and say that the world has changed much more than we think post 9-11. We all remember where we were that day. I was in the south of Argentina the day of the attacks. There was great shock and compassion for our country. Today, it seems that the compassion has changed to hatred for Bush and Israel. While this has made it more difficult for missionaries, we trust that the light of Christ will shine through political differences and expose the darkness of sin in people's lives.

In a ministry sense, I have grown up on the mission field of Argentina and the surrounding countries. God has now led us to plant a church in an area where some of the most intelligent and well-off from around the country come to study and begin their adult lives. Their moral values are governed by their appetites for sin. Even though this is a Catholic country, they are a people without God. Many are atheists. The religious are seen as weak. Others "believe" in God, but deny Him in many aspects of their lives, and have a difficult time turning their lives over to God from Satan's clutches.

I am reminded of the verse in 2 Timothy 3: "In the last days difficult times will come. For men will be lovers of money, boastful, arrogant, revilers, disobedient to parents, ungrateful, unholy, unloving, irreconcilable, malicious gossips, without self-control, brutal, haters of good, treacherous, reckless, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God..." Wow, what a list!!

Over the last three months since we have arrived, we have been busy trying to build relationships with neighbors and those who have an interest in learning English. I wish I could say that each one of them has come to a knowledge of the Living Christ. Many have not. They lead very complicated lives. The battle is ultimately with the forces of darkness, and the battle is won from a humble, kneeling position.

So how do we stay encouraged? Where does our help come from? Psalm 121 says that "our help comes from the Lord." Matthew 28 says that Christ "will be with us, even until the very end of the age." John 16 says that the Holy Spirit "convicts the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment." Paul encouraged Timothy and us to "pray" and to "lead a tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and dignity" (1 Tim. 2:1,2). Paul said that "the church of the Living God" is "the pillar and support of truth" (1 Tim. 3:15). My hope today is to encourage you to live holy in a godless age! As we become doers of the word of God, we become more like Christ. As we walk in holiness, the Holy Spirit uses us to convict the world of sin...

That is how I am trying to live. I can't convince anyone. But the Holy Spirit can. One young lady in our Thursday night group knows what she is lacking. The Holy Spirit has been speaking to her heart through our group and through His Word. It seems she still loves her sin more than she loves Jesus. My new friend Fabian has just finished studying English and French here and has gone back to his hometown of San Martin de Los Andes, a place I have preached the gospel many times. We recently reflected together how incredible it is that after the many times I have been in SMA, God allowed us to meet in Nueva Cordoba. He is now connected with the small church in that community. **Nueva Cordoba is a strategic place.** I ask you to continue to pray that the Word of the Lord will penetrate hearts and minds in this place. Pray for our outreach in the streets and for a camp out weekend on September 23rd-24th. Also please pray for the Thursday and Saturday small groups and a Friday night "English Talk" that we are starting this week.

By His Grace Alone,

Estancia Vieja 23-24 de Septiembre

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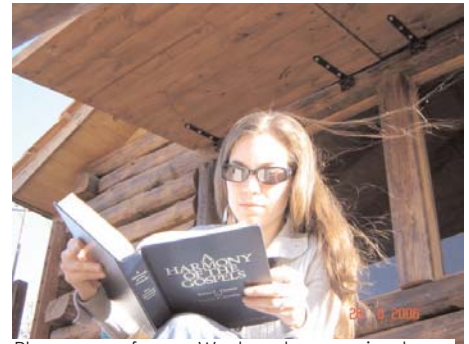
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The invitation for our camp out weekend
Please pray that it would be a time of reflection on God's glory.



Please pray for our Wednesday evening team Bible study on the Harmony of the Gospels, that we would be refreshed in the Lord.

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We are trying creative ways to get to know new people, like "english talk." Please pray for other ideas and opportunities.



I am a blessed man!

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