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Dear Partner in the Gospel,

God has continually reminded me this past month, "[His] grace is sufficient for [us]." It is not because we are thousands of "kilometers" away from home or that we can't stomach the food and want some of "mama's cookin'." It is that we have been under spiritual assault from our enemy, even though our prayers are being realized in lost people's lives. Through this past month we have realized more and more that we should hold on loosely to things in this life and that this earth is not our home (Heb. 11:13ff). **God's grace is sufficient for us and His grace has shown sufficient for others as well... Read on...**

After a month of Ivanna being on the MIA list, Kristen and I (with Coen crawling about) had a great conversation with her a couple of weeks ago at her apartment. We had tried many times to get in touch with her with no response, until the other week when she sent me a text message saying, "God is changing my life... I need to talk to you." After the summer team left she became involved with our Bible study for several weeks, but then started doubting everything. In the course of the month, the Lord was speaking to her heart. She came to Christ on her own through reading the Bible and "Day Seven" of Purpose Driven Life. During the day we first met back up, I was sharing with her about being born again of the Spirit and she said, "Yes, that is what happened to me. As I prayed and gave my life to Christ... I realized He came into my heart." Praise be to God. **His grace is sufficient!** Please keep praying for her. Pray for her sister Giselda and friend Maria Jimena, both of whom were open to speaking about the gospel the other day.

At the height of the spiritual attack in our lives this past month God reminded me why we are here through another situation that happened. Since we moved in, I have been praying for Marcelo, the café owner in our building. One day he complimented me on my family, saying we are a "beautiful family." Then he began to open his heart to me, and share about his life, which is very rare here. He is separated from his wife, and I could see a lot of hurt in his eyes. I was able to gaze back at him with God's love, and I think it made a difference in his life that day. He shared that he has a great variance of belief about God, and we both agreed that it was going to be a long conversation. We are planning to begin working out together, and he invited me down for coffee, which is a huge open door in this culture. **God's grace is all-sufficient!**

After a couple of months of Scott spending time with Javier, he came to Christ at our Thursday night meeting. Now he is learning more about the blessing of not thinking all the time with the flesh. **God's grace is sufficient!** Pray for him... he has a lot to work through and has had to move back to Buenos Aires for a while. Our neighbor Gaby is growing like crazy. She has a great hunger for the Word of God. Now her mom and sister are visiting for the next three months. Pray that they will see Christ at work in her. Another girl Lorena was really close a few weeks ago and now it seems she is running from the Lord. She told us that she is not coming back for now to our small group. Even as she runs, **God's grace will be sufficient!**

Finally one Saturday, during our Bible study meeting, I sensed the Lord giving me boldness to confront Natalia with her sin and her need for the Savior. I was a little afraid to offend her because I did not know how she would react. God showed me that He is at work in her, and He will accomplish His will. Another day I met her at the café where she works to share more with her. I finally realized what her biggest stumbling block is to knowing the Lord. She asked me what I thought about her devotion to the "Virgin Maria de la Valle." That is the belief about the apparition of the Virgin Mary in her home province. Of course, I had to boldly proclaim what the Scripture says but I tried to soften my words with love for her soul. Pray for her because she has many things in her life that are complex. She calls me, "pastor," along with others at the café. What an awesome responsibility of demonstrating love and grace! I pray that I will be able to lead her to the Living Water. Pray that she will trust that **His grace is sufficient for her.**

These are just snap shots into our world in Nueva Cordoba. We are trying to be sensitive to the Spirit working in different people's lives. Please keep praying for Him to be glorified. Thank you for how your love through giving and praying sustains us here by His grace.

Here by Grace,



We had a smaller group than we wanted at the campout weekend, but it was a good opportunity to share the love of Christ.



We celebrated Kristen's 26th Birthday at the end of the Saturday Bible Study. She is pictured with Ivanna.



Coen Christoffer turned one on the 9th. Feliz Cumpleaños Coen!

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We are unexpectedly transitioning our ministry office. You will hear more about this in the next few days. Thanks for your prayers.