

Commission International: Prayer
October 2006

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

Praises & Answered Prayer:

- ❖ Thank the Lord for the arrival of Ana Carlton Miles, daughter of Dan & Millie Miles, born August 18, 2006!
- ❖ Thank the Lord for the two evangelistic/discipleship small groups that are meeting!
- ❖ Praise God for three professions of faith this past month!

Commission International Ministry Requests:

- ❖ Pray for God's wisdom during an unexpected move of our ministry office.
- ❖ Pray for provision for a location to use for ministry through out the week in Cordoba
- ❖ Continue to pray for the Thursday night and Saturday afternoon Purpose Driven Life Studies, that God would use them for the people to see their need for Christ and that He can give significance to their lives. Pray for the Word of the Lord to penetrate hearts and minds. Pray that God will use this and other studies to save those He is calling to Himself and to take them on to become mature disciples of Christ and foundational members of the new church.
- ❖ Pray also for the Friday night "English Talk" group that began meeting once a month in September.
- ❖ Pray for individual and group discipleship times with those God is calling or will call to Himself.
- ❖ Pray for the team - David, Kristen, Coen, Scott, and Lichi - as they labor together to see God birth the Ekklesia Nueva Cordoba. Elizabet (Lichi) Estallo - Praise God for bringing Lichi to live in this area to be a light to this part of Cordoba. She is from the church here that we are attending on Sundays, Iglesia Cristiana Evangelica de Calle Rincon. Pray for her stringent work schedule as a biologist and for God to use her to reach co-workers and neighbors in Nueva Cordoba, as well as her role in discipleship.

Pray for the team in these ways:

- ❖ For God to strengthen and encourage the team through their study of the gospels (Harmony of the Gospels) on Wednesday evenings
- ❖ For Romans 6:4 to be a daily reality in their lives; that they would walk in newness of life, be transformed daily by Christ and be so consumed by Him that others would ever see Jesus in them.
- ❖ For their passion to be making disciples, not just converts. Pray for discernment and fruitfulness in developing relationships.
- ❖ For visa issues: for God's wisdom in partnership with a church that will help with religious visas. Praise God for being able to pay for extended tourist visas.
- ❖ For God's provision of a meeting place, as they are believing God to quickly grow the ministry.
- ❖ Pray for David, Kristen and Coen in their family life: to guard their time together; to be protected physically, emotionally and spiritually; to be firmly rooted and grounded in Christ each day. Pray for David in his many responsibilities as the overseer of both his family and the ministry. Pray for Kristen's language studies. Pray for Coen as he grows and turns his crawling into walking.
- ❖ Pray for Scott Jackson as he works with David to begin the church plant. Pray for Scott's language studies and for open doors for ministry.
- ❖ Pray for Jaclyn Lyles as she continues to prepare to come to Cordoba in early 2007.
- ❖ Pray for Dan, Millie and Ana Carlton for their families preparation for serving the Lord in Argentina.
- ❖ Lastly, and so importantly, pray for these Argentines who have been exposed to the Gospel recently - this is the work of the harvest! Pray for relationships to be developed that would lead to their salvation:
- ❖ Gabriela "Gaby" Bertolino, the Fulfer's neighbor in apartment 3a; praise God for her salvation and the hunger she has to know more of the Scripture. She has begun sharing her new faith over the phone with her mom who is in Peru. Pray for her mom's and sister's salvation. Their names are Margarita and Natalia. Pray for Gaby's discipleship with our group, with Kristen and with Lichi.

- ❖ Lorena Mercado - Pray for her as she is running from the Lord and His grace.
- ❖ Ivanna Gorly - Praise God for her recent salvation. She trusted in Christ by reading the Bible and the Purpose Driven Life. Pray that she would stay plugged in to discipleship.
- ❖ Javier Lozano - Praise God for his recent salvation. Pray that he will find fellowship with true believers as he has had to go back to Buenos Aires. Please pray that the Word of God would continue to penetrate his heart, and that he would be humbled to come to Christ with his whole life.
- ❖ Fabian Mendez - Pray for him as he has gone back to his hometown of SM Andes. Pray that he will get plugged in with the church that our team knows in that area.
- ❖ Guillermo Campbell - the Fulfer's neighbor in 7b. He works for the Brazilian Consulate and speaks very good English and Portuguese. He is a very personable guy and likes to hang out with us, but he says that the Bible study isn't for him. He says he believes in Christ, but his biggest barrier to knowing Christ is that he knows that believing is ultimately by faith. It's people like this that we are trying to befriend and minister to. We praise God that he has been open with David and the rest of us.
- ❖ Natalia Brizuela - she is the manager of an important café in Patio Olmos, the main shopping mall that connects downtown with Nueva Cordoba. David met her at the café during a vision trip three years ago. We praise God for her openness to the Gospel. She is consistent in coming to our Saturday study, but she has not trusted in Christ yet. Pray for continued openness and mostly that Christ would speak to her heart.
- ❖ Fernando Maggi - pray for continued interaction with him and a group of his friends. Pray for openness to the gospel and that God would guide him in a new relationship that he has with a girl.
- ❖ Marcelo - the owner of a cafe in the Fulfer's building. pray for continued openness, and opportunities for the Gospel.
- ❖ Jonaton Mayorga - He is a first year law student from a southern province. Scott regularly works out with this guy. He started out in a small group asking many questions and wanting to argue, but it seems that he has become more open. One night we prayed Psalm 39 with him after discussing for several hours, then later Scott was with him and his atheist roommate Martin while Jonaton began sharing that God truly does exist. His roommate said, "I don't understand, you used to think like me." Pray for God to continue to use Scott, and that the Lord would continue to open their hearts to more of His truth.
- ❖ Laura Batalla and Federico - Laura is in her last year in high school, but maturity wise seems like she is out of college. Her boyfriend is 23 and owns a t-shirt shop with his brother. They have sought counsel about their relationship from the Fulfer's. They have been very open to us having met with us on a few occasions. The last time we met with them recently they were asking more spiritual questions. Pray for more opportunities to witness to them and that the Word of God to penetrate their hearts and for the Holy Spirit to guide them into a relationship with Christ.
- ❖ Carolina - she is an English student that met the summer group while they were here. She is 19 and lives in a distant neighborhood. She is interested in the Saturday Bible study group, but is in training during the month of August. We are not sure where she is spiritually and we now that she has been evangelized by the Jehovah's Witnesses, but we do not know how much of this she has had. Please pray for open doors to meet with her to begin asking those types of questions and for continued openness to the gospel and to the Saturday Bible study.
- ❖ Romina - praise God that she has begun communicating through email again with us. She is in a class with Lorena Mercado, listed above. She had told David in an email that her Catholic beliefs are different than ours' and that is why she would not want to hang out with us. We believe that the Spirit is convicting her of sin and that she is running from God. Pray that God would tackle her and break down the fallow ground of her heart.
- ❖ Maria Laura and Lucas - pray for this young couple that are dating. They are open to us, but both have to work a lot so it is hard to find time to share with them. We have completely lost contact with them. Pray for renewed contact.
- ❖ Fernanda - We have completely lost contact with her. Pray for renewed contact.
- ❖ Nicolas - We have completely lost contact with him. Pray for renewed contact.
- ❖ Jose Luis - he crept into many of our meetings while the group was here. After David discovered he was a Jehovah's Witness they started peacefully talking about the deity of Christ and also the Trinity. Working with someone like him is always a long process, and he needs to be open to understand that his religion is false. Until now he has not been open to this, but we are praying that God would work in His life and literally snatch him from the fire. Please pray for this also. We have completely lost contact with him. Pray for renewed contact.

- ❖ Please also pray for the guys we play soccer with sometimes, but have not been able to spend any time with them outside of that activity yet. Some of them are: Matias, Christian and Maxi.
- ❖ Pray for the guys that are forming an American Football team. Scott has been very helpful in helping them form the team and coaching. They have asked Scott to be their quarterback and he is praying through how to reach out to them more.
- ❖ Pray also for some other people to follow-up/ continued follow-up: Sol, Maria Jimena, Giselda, Martin and Giselda.

A final thought.

"From prayer that asks that I may be
 Sheltered from winds that beat on Thee,
 From fearing when I should aspire,
 From faltering when I should climb higher,
 From silken self, O Captain, free
 Thy soldier who would follow Thee.

From subtle love of softening things,
 From easy choices, weakenings,
 (Not thus are spirits fortified,
 Not this way went the Crucified)
 From all that dims Thy Calvary,
 O Lamb of God, deliver me.

Give me the love that leads the way,
 The faith that nothing can dismay,
 The hope no disappointments tire,
 The passion that will burn like fire,
 Let me not sink to be a clod:
 Make me Thy fuel, Flame of God."

(Amy Carmichael, Gold Cord, 1932.)