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Thank you for holding us up in prayer before the Lord this past week. Only in Heaven will we finally know the results of our combined efforts. We appreciate being on your team!!

It has been one of those truly wonderful days that the Lord gives. It was a warm, dry day for our evangelistic thrusts into different neighborhoods in conjunction with Children's Day.

We had two presentations today, with one more to go tomorrow in Balcarce.

At our first one today at 11 A.M., we had at least 140 children, with some 25 teens and another 25-30 moms and dads, nearly 200 people at just the first meeting. Two unusual things happened at this meeting.

1– Our workers found a man who says that he has been looking for a good church to attend.

2– The other was the rapt attention of the teens and adults as Carlos told the story of Noah and the Ark, relating it to Jesus being the only way of salvation to go to Heaven. Two teen age girls immediately raised their hands saying that they had prayed the sinners prayer with Carlos. I heard several others repeating it aloud as he led them in prayer. There were 25-30 who raised their hands afterward to the effect that they had prayed.

After a hurried sandwich at church, we moved to a different neighborhood, some went into the streets inviting people while others set up our platform, and we were ready for the program for our 3 P. M. starting time.

We also had a good crowd here too, with 115 children, and again, a large number of adults, probably a total of 150. Again, there were probably 20 who made professions of faith. God gave Lois and I a very sweet blessing at the close while our workers just watched. I was storing equipment, when I a man came up saying that his son had been at the fiesta, and that he wanted to thank us for the time and effort that we had put in to give out the gospel to the children. He looked somewhat familiar, but we could not place him until he said his first, name, Dabel. His full name came to mind instantly as I recalled asking many of you to pray for him at least 15 years ago. Dabel parents moved to another neighbornood, and had stopped coming. What a joy it was to renew old friendships!! Although he does not attend any church, he said that he still has the Bible he got from us, reads it, and tells his family about the Harrises!! I think he was about 13-14 years old the last we had seen him

We are excited about the prospects as a good number in both places promised to ride the Sunday school bus tomorrow morning!

Our workers will lunch together at church after the morning service, and then be off to Balcarce for the Fiesta de Niños there at 5 p.m. Be much in prayer with us about this meeting, as we expect a good turnout. We don't know whether to expect 20 or 200. We have prepared gifts for about 150.

Again, thank you for your prayers for us and for the work here in Argentina.

Specific prayer requests for this week include:

1) The Fiesta de Niños at 5 o'clock tomorrow afternoon in Balcarce

2) Power of the Spirit as we follow up on those who attended the Fiestas.

3) For the salvation of Dabel's family, Gerardo, Arturo, and Carmen José

4) For the the spiritual growth of Dabel, Juan Carlos, Juan, and many others

5) For funds to buy the building we are renting in Balcarce.

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