

May 2004

Dear Praying Friends,



It is hard to believe that just over a month has passed since our last prayer letter!

Lois and I have been spending much time in Balcarce, (plus the 3 hours round trip driving time) getting ready for first day services in the new location tomorrow with baptisms the following week. This is complicated because the rented former restaurant does not have a baptistery, (obviously!) and our portable canvas baptistery is at least 10 years old, with at least 4 times that many pin-hole leaks!! It is fall going into winter here, and we are still trying to get gas connected for heat and warm water!

The building has been nearly completely painted (inside and out-with two or three coats to cover well), necessary plumbing, gas lines and carpentry have all been done, security bars have been installed on windows and doors. Heavy rains have held up work on the outside, and we are expecting many showers of blessings on the inside! (**not from the leaking baptistry!**)

We have now had two services in the new location. This past Sunday, Mario F. stood to his feet to give testimony that he had trusted Christ during the week. This coming Sunday, we will be baptizing Mario-(dad), Veronica-(mom), and three daughters Camila, Marianela and Tamara as well as mother-in-law Helvesia. I just received a phone call from Helvesia informing me that Mario suffered a fall about 14 feet from the roof of the building today. God spared his life, but he is one sore fellow! He landed on his side and as far as we know at this time has no broken bones. The doctors sent him home from the hospital for 24 hour rest before seeing him again.

Pray for protection from the Devil's attacks.

Although we are already in the new location due to the expired rent contract, we are planning a special day for our **inauguration on Sunday, May 30th**, giving us more time to finish and make publicity for a big push.

Please mark May 30th on your calendar to pray for God's help and special unction here on that day. Our General Director Dr. Paul Jackson, will be our keynote speaker for this special day, as well as 'Cacho' Pinos (who before he was saved lived in Balcarce but went back to his native province of Cordoba and trusted Christ there). While living in Balcarce, Cacho was a field worker and bartender, but now he is a God-called soul-winning preacher.

This is a great picture of the building in our new location. As I took the picture, I was standing in the traffic circle in front. It is in a very strategic location on this circle and an incredible amount of traffic goes by. The 4-lane main street that passes in front actually has six lanes because of an access street on each side of the avenue. A four lane boulevard crosses the six lane avenue at this point. You will notice people standing in front of the building waiting at the bus stop there. We are very excited about the new location! Can you tell...?



Would you help us pray that God would provide the \$40,000 that it would take to buy the building and the empty lot next door? This building is in an excellent location, it has a good interior layout design for our needs, it is in good physical condition, and we believe is at an excellent selling price. The owner is asking \$28,000 for the building and \$10,000 for the empty lot next to it. Each lot is approximately 33 ft. wide and 100 ft. long.

We do have approval from EBM to try to buy this property. Please pray that God will open and close doors according to His will.

In Mar del Plata, God is blessing marvelously. The soul winning conference was a soul-stirring time of great challenge. Thirteen have been saved in our churches this month as a direct result of the soul-winning conference, and a fellow missionary told me that he is doing more soul-winning because of the conference. Praise the Lord!! Continue to pray for our preacher boys. They are now alternating on Sunday mornings, giving short messages before I preach, and are doing well. They are a blessing.

I need to mention also, that for a long time now, we have been under-supported by \$475 each month. Please pray with us about this too.

Pray with us for all these Requests

1. Wisdom and protection for our preacher boys.
2. New believers—Laura, Diego, Maria (2), Vilma, Alejandro (2), Soledad, Julieta, Mario and Nicolas and a grandma.
3. God's wisdom and provision for buying the Balcarce building.
4. Additional monthly support of \$475.00

Yours for souls in Argentina,
Don and Lois Harris