

Subject: Children's day in Balcarce

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This is to share with you the blessings of the good children's day meeting in Balcarce.

To refresh memories, we had canceled the prior week, (the correct date for Children's day here,) but it was rainy and cold. I took the decision to postpone.

This Saturday, although cloudy, was dry and in the 60's rather than 40's. Great!

Rain was in the forecast for Sunday, but there was none in the morning. We had our regular services on Sunday morning, (and praise the Lord for eight new children in Sunday School from the Sat. activities).

After a worker's lunch together at church, we left for Balcarce shortly after two o'clock. On the way, it started getting foggy so that we could not see the tops of the beautiful hills on this scenic drive. Lois commented that in her notes from last year, we had a lot of heavy fog on the return trip at night.

As we arrived at the church building around 3:30, there was a light mist, so that by the time the clowns were painted, etc., it was a little too heavy for them to walk the streets getting children. While they had been painting their faces, others mounted our big horn speaker on the van getting ready to announce up and down the streets about the soon to start meeting. The clowns and 5 small children from the church went with me in the van to be in out of the heavy mists while they passed out invitations to any children we could find.

While there were no children out due to the inclement weather, they came running out to their sidewalks upon hearing the speaker and our Clowns and children got the flyers into their hands. Some teens had helped me to prepare a tape with a good trumpet rendition of WHAT CAN TAKE AWAY MY SIN...NOTHING BUT THE BLOOD OF JESUS, with intermittent announcements about the FIESTA.

45 minutes later found us back at church for final preparations. Since the mist was getting heavier now, we had to take time to take the speaker off the van and get it back inside, and then finish getting ready inside.

Lois had prepared two plastic jars full of assorted candies for door prizes. There was a quart jar for children up to six years old, and a gallon jar for those from 7 thru 12. We had prepared lists with numbers for them to choose as our people wrote their names and addresses beside the number they chose. Now we have 50 or more addresses to follow up on.

This may have been the best meeting yet, as our workers did really well. As Carlos told the story of Noah and the ark, and related it to the big ark on the wall surrounded with the animals, the kids really paid attention. We counted 51 children, and about 20 mothers or older sisters. When Carlos later asked how many had prayed the sinner's prayer with him, about 20 raised their hands.

People from the church surprised us with cake and tea afterwards, and we had a time of fellowship and games, and prayer. It was a great day in the church in Balcarce.

Thanks for your part in this work, both in your prayers and your financial support.

Specific prayer requests for this week include:

1) Patricia (14) just saved two weeks ago in Balcarce, brought a sister and brother to the fiesta, and Nicolás, 10 was one of those saved.

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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