

"Good news from a far country..."

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Dear Prayer Supporters,

We are so appreciative of this means of communication so that we can give you "good news from a far country" while it is still fresh. We had really great services both in Mar del Plata and in Balcarce yesterday.

Oscar is thrilled about being able to drive his elderly grandmother, Norma, a good pastor's widow, from her nursing home to bring her to Sunday morning services. God blesses Oscar as he senses what a help this is to his grandmother. Another grandmother, Yolanda, who has missed several services came yesterday with a 10 yr.old grandson, and I as was introducing the visitors, I purposely built up grandmother Yolanda about bringing a visitor with her, and jokingly told grandmother Norma that now she would have to bring a visitor next Sunday. Oscar told me following the service, that now Norma is all excited about bringing a visitor with her next time!

As I preached on "The Ugly Sister" Leah and Rachel from Gen. 29-30 God touched many hearts, and the altar was filled with Christians getting things right with God at the close of the service.

Adela, the new Sunday School teacher in Mar del Plata, told Lois yesterday that she is enjoying preparing for and teaching her class so much, that she feels like a child with a new toy! Great!

Later, as I entered the New Life Baptist Church in Balcarce, Veronica, the new teacher there, stopped me before I could put down the organ, books, briefcase, etc., that is part of the standard equipment for each trip. She too, was very excited as she started to tell me about each one of the visits that she had made this week. Pray with us that she does not lose this zeal! We have prepared a list of names and addresses from the Children's day activities, and have been encouraging "the home team" (the folks who live in Balcarce) to be faithful about visiting these new contacts, and it has payed off! Sandra, a lady who had visited several times, was back this Sunday with a 14 year old son for the first time. Ester, came yesterday for the first time since the inauguration back in May. Pray for Ester and Pablo to be saved, as well as Juanita and Antonia, all these in Balcarce. Thanks for praying; don't stop now.

In closing, I want to ask you to read some verses that God brought to my attention this week.

As you are aware, we are praying for funds to be able to buy the building in

Balcarce with the empty lot next door. (see enclosed photos). With reference to that, I believe God gave me these verses: I Tim. 6:17-19.

Paul encouraged Timothy to encourage people about 2 things:

1- He was to tell people to not be proud of or to put their faith in their riches, and

2- he was to encourage those people 'to be rich in good works, (real riches, in contrast to the uncertain riches in v. 17 !) 'to be ready to distribute', 'to communicate' with others, thereby "laying in store for themselves a good foundation..." Let me encourage you to read those verses again, asking God if he would have you to invest for eternity, being a partner in helping to buy this property for the New Life Baptist Church in Balcarce.

Continue to pray with us for Oscar, Norma, Yolanda, Sandra, Pablo, Ester, and for the proposed property purchase in Balcarce.

Thank you again for your part in God's work here in Argentina.

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