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Dear Praying Friends,

Words fail to tell of all of God's goodness, but we are continually seeing victories that He gives, both in the salvation of souls and growth in believers. Attendance is up in both churches, and we have had some great opportunities of counseling believers.

Follow-up from the Children's day continues to be productive as we have had new people in both Sunday School and church services. The long hours of work invested in preparing new teachers also continues to bring dividends. I heard voices speaking very softly, so I peeked slowly into a Sunday school room to investigate. I was absolutely thrilled as I heard Verónica, the new Sunday school teacher in Balcarce, tenderly leading one of her students to Christ. I don't know which of us were the more excited as she later told me about it. Since starting teaching just over a month ago, she has had someone saved in each class except one. I told her that I am as excited about her burden to see people saved as I am about their salvation.

Only when we get Heaven we will know all of the final results of our combined efforts.

Our son, Don R. and family are getting closer to being here. They had set an arrival date for November until the Argentine embassy told them that they would need to do the paperwork there in the states.

Don already has a permanent resident visa, since he grew up here, but Ruth and the children need to do the paperwork on that. About a week later they were told they would be better off to do that same paperwork here!! Pray that God will give them His wisdom. They are currently in meetings in New England, and then will be working on packing their belongings to ship to Argentina. It was our recent privilege to meet a godly couple whom God led to sell their ranch in west Texas and relocate here in Argentina near Tandil, the city where Don R. plans to start churches. It is exciting to see how God is taking steps to do His work in that great needy city. Do pray for them to overcome the obstacles the Devil puts out for them.

I just got back from driving and taking 10 people from our two churches to the 21st national meeting of Fundamentalismo Bautista from the 5th to the 8th in the city of Córdoba. It was my privilege to be invited to preach at this meeting. Altogether we made a round trip of about 1700 miles, and I was very thankful for the help of one of our men in driving. It was a really great conference, and I feel was a good investment in our people. We are to host the same meeting in October of 2008, and before that we will be hosting the Regional meeting of the World Congress of Fundamentalists here in Mar del Plata in May of 2006. Pray as we will be putting these meetings together.

Another very special milestone was just passed as on September 19th we had a special time of thanksgiving for God's having allowed us to continue here since that special day 31 years ago when we first set foot on Argentine soil. Up until then, we had only met one person, a girl who had finished her last year of high school in the states. Now there are many, many here whom have come to know the Lord. Thank you again to those of you who have been co-laborers during this time.

In closing, I want to share with you these verses that God recently brought to my attention. We are praying for funds to be able to buy the building in Balcarce with the empty lot next door. With reference to that, I believe God gave me the verses that are found in I Timothy 6:17-19.

Paul instructed Timothy to encourage people especially in these 2 areas:

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..." With a heart of love, let me encourage you to study those verses. Then, ask God if he would have you to invest for eternity in this special project. Consider being a special partner in helping the New Life Baptist Church of Balcarce to buy this property for God's glory. Final costs will depend on the exchange rate at the time of actual purchase, but we can buy the building with the empty lot next door for about \$40,000. We are excited about the possibilities of buying this property. (See photo)

- 1) Pray for these in Balcarce: — new converts - Olga, Patricia, Rocio, Daniel, Matías, Nicolas;
— unsaved - Antonia, Estér, Juanita, Silvana, Gerardo, Arturo, Carmen, Petrona, Rosa, Mónica
— growth— María, Sandra, Alberto, Javier, Mario, Oscar, Pablo
- 2) Pray for these in Mar del Plata: — new converts - Nicolas, Mari, Juan
— unsaved — Chola, Laura, Federico, Eduardo;
— growth — Angélica, Laura, Mari, Dora, Alejandro, Juan, Braian, Dabel, Juan Carlos
- 3) Pray for a \$400 increase in our monthly support level. This is a very real need.
- 4) For funds to help buy the church building in Balcarce.

Keep praying— God answers!! Thank you again for your faithful part in God's work here in Argentina.

Your co-laborers in Argentina,

Don and Lois Harris