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Dear Friends,

“Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift!”

Our hearts are rejoicing as we come into this season of celebrating the birth of our wonderful Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. We pray this will be a special time of remembering that He came for one primary purpose—to die that we might have life in Him. May each one of you have a special, blessed Christmas reflecting in His great love for us.

It is hard to believe that we are coming to the end of the year 2004. It seems like it has flown by. As I write this, we will be leaving tomorrow for a check-up in Buenos Aires. One year ago, I had my by-pass operation and I have been running full speed ever since. The test tomorrow is an Eco-doppler, and then on Friday I have an appointment with my regular heart doctor there in the hospital where I had surgery. We will be visiting a different church where I am invited to preach on Sunday night, and we want to meet a young preacher boy that we have been told about at this church. We just thank the Lord for His grace and prayerfully we will be good administrators of this added time.

This year we have seen very significant spiritual growth in several people but especially in some of our young people. One of our young ladies, Claudia, went to Buenos Aires to study full time in a Bible Institute. Two of our high school boys are always right beside me to help in any way possible and they will be doing the preaching this week while we are gone. Oscar and Analía, another young couple that the Lord brought into our church just over a year ago, are growing and have wonderful servants heart's. Oscar, as well as 9 others, went with me on a 12 hours + trip to Cordoba for our Fundamental Baptist Conference in October. It is the first time a man has taken his vacation time to be involved in a conference. We all received great blessings from the conference but it was very special for me to see our people growing in the Lord's service.

This week, I flew to northern Argentina to the city of Tucumán, (in the province of Tucumán) to attend yet another Independent Baptist meeting there. We are praying for God to choose men for the churches here, and we are just trying to gain more information and to see old friends that we do not often see due to the time and distance involved.

We are deeply grateful to see the encouraging response to our request for prayer regarding the possible buying of the building we are renting in the city of Balcarce. Thus far we have received \$14,020. We originally needed about \$40,000, but prices have gone up some, while the dollar exchange rate stays the same. Continue to pray with us for God-called men to Pastor these and other new works and that the Lord will provide the necessary funds to help buy properties. The folks here are giving, but the economic situation is extremely difficult. This would be a good time to be thinking of end-of-the-year giving... God is faithful!!

As you enter winter... we enter summer! I will be taking youth to a week at camp January 17th, and then will be speaking the following week to the 20-30 yr. olds. We have a full summer scheduled, and need your prayers very much. We are counting on you!

May you have a truly wonderful Christmas season... in Him!! He is what it is all about!!

Don and Lois Harris, Taking the Gift of Eternal Life to Argentina