

Dear Pastor and Church,

As you know on June 14th, a terrible fire broke out and spread throughout our home faster than we could ever imagine. All buildings here are concrete and bricks, therefore the structure was not destroyed, but all the interior of our apartment was ruined and has to be completely repaired or redone. Among others, plaster on walls and ceilings, windows, doors, floors, electrical lines and some gas and water pipes. The contents were burned or ruined by water and smoke. Our apartment is on the 4th floor with no elevator.

In spite of the fire, the work kept going forward. We did not miss one single service, one Bible School class, or one service at the missions that we both tend to every week. The fire could not take what really matters, our faith and trust in God and our desire to serve Him.

We are so grateful for the prompt response from several of you, dear pastors and churches. The Lord is providing through your generosity the means to fix our home. And we know that what is still needed to finish and replace all that was lost, He will also provide.

THE NEW WORK AT CAVE OF LOURDES

They are having around 60 children and teenagers. Many of them have received Christ as their Savior. Some parents have been visiting, and two have made profession of faith. It is a blessing, and no doubt the will of God, that this ministry be started and souls have been reached in the midst of such idolatry. Remember that we are only a block away from the shrine to the most venerated virgin in Uruguay. Please pray for Garcia, Andres and Celia as they serve the Lord there.

NEW OUTREACH MINISTRY

Marcelo, the pastor of our deaf church and his wife Daniela, are traveling 250 miles by bus every last Saturday of each month to train people in sign language and to teach them the most effective ways to reach the deaf with the Gospel.

A fundamental Bible Baptist Missionary, Brother Archie Perez, has a burden for this ministry, and has asked us for help in starting one. Colonia, where he is working, has the third largest population of deaf people in Uruguay. On August 25th, Uruguayan Independence Day, Marcelo and Daniela rented

a bus and took 45 deaf members to the church in Colonia. They had a special meeting with drama and preaching done entirely by the deaf in sign language. Daniela interpreted for the hearing. They were amazed to see what can be done with God's help to reach the deaf for Christ. Please pray for Marcelo and Daniela. Everything they do takes a lot of time to prepare and much patience and dedication. The fact that they are willing to travel so far to train others, shows their love for the Lord and their faithfulness and commitment to the deaf ministry. They have a five year old daughter, Lucia. Pastor, if the Lord leads you to send a special offering for them at any time, we know they would be immensely grateful.

SOULS SAVED

Since our June report, one hundred thirteen souls have made profession of faith in Christ.

Thank you for your concern, your faithful support, and your many prayers on our behalf. We thank the Lord for his protection the night of the fire, for His peace that passeth all understanding, and for His constant and unwavering love.

May God abundantly bless your lives and ministry.

In His Service,
Walter and Peggy Silva

“I must work the works of Him that sent me, while it is day; the night cometh, when no man can work.” John 9:4