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It is hard to describe the emotion a missionary may feel when the Spirit begins to move. Maybe it is like a train ride that has the satisfaction of knowing that you are going somewhere without much effort and just enjoying the moment with the people around you. **God is at work in Nueva Cordoba through His word and His Spirit.** There are still hundreds of more bars and night clubs than churches that draw people's hearts into following the enemy of freedom and grace, but God is bringing some to Himself through our relational evangelism. **Thank you for your part of taking the gospel of Christ to the nation of Argentina.**

oUtReacH report

Our first English Talk outreach attracted around 40 college students. Amidst the smoky environment of a bar, Scott and I shared the Good News of LIFE in Christ. I don't mind getting lung cancer if it means that many will spend eternity out of a "smoky" environment, but we are hopeful that God will provide our own space soon to be able minister life to weary souls.

Jose Sarmiento spent 4 out of 5 years at a Seventh Day Adventist College in the province of Entre Rios before taking a year abroad in Thailand. His experience caused him to begin to question the legalism that he had grown up in and especially the prophecies of Ellen G. White, the essential founder and prophetess of that movement.

A girl at my table at English Talk asked me why I am in Argentina, which is always a good opportunity to share my faith. After explaining that we are part of a Christian organization, Jose said, "So you are religious?" After that I spent the next 15 minutes explaining that Christ wants a relationship with us and that He came to earth to bring us to God, and not to start a religion. The Spirit seemed to be moving amidst the smoke and the noise, because I had a captive audience of probably 10 of the 40 people that were there.

The result over the last few weeks is we have spent many moments sharing with others that we met during that time. I have spent many hours with Jose evangelistically discipling him, and we have been getting to know a few others as well from that time. Scott has spent time ministering to people through English practice, ultimate Frisbee, and football. One of those who came to practice English, Cintia, came to our house church. My wife, Kristen, has been ministering to girls through discipleship and relationship counseling, while she is taking care of our home and two very active toddlers. She also continues to flourish with her gift of hospitality whenever we have visitors. Laura Cash is a student from University of South Carolina who is here on an exchange program, and she has been working with us in our outreach as well. She has been spending time weekly with our good friend Eliana. We have seen God use this relationship to lead Eliana closer to Christ. Scott and Laura are also co-leading a Purpose-driven Life outreach in English at the University language school. Please pray for Eliana, Jose, Florencia, Cintia, Matias, and the Purpose-driven Life group.



what is haPPening in eKKlesia?

God has been blessing our time in our Saturday night house church. We are going through the book of Acts, and seeing God work in "Acts-like" fashion in people's lives. We haven't seen 5000 being added to our number yet, but the walls of our house are bursting at the seams. Two weeks ago, we prayed for more girls to start coming and we had more girls than guys in our last meeting. We are discussing Acts in a verse by verse study.



Recently, this is the definition we have adopted and as a group are trying to understand: ***Acts is the story of the continuing and spreading proclamation of the good news of God's kingdom in Jesus Christ. It is the story of the church, a community of Christ followers filled with the Holy Spirit, who in the power of the name of Jesus brings unity despite persecution and diversities of geography, culture, ethnicity and religion.***

Also, we have had our first child visitor to our house church. He has been attending with his single mom. Please pray for wisdom to know how to minister to him.

Last Sunday, one of the guys that we have reached, disciplined and encouraged to go to a biblical church was baptized at one of the few biblical churches in our city. That church is the biggest church (that is biblical) and has about 500 members. In a city of 1.5 million, there is definitely room for church growth and church planting. Others in our group may be baptized soon. We will keep you posted.

We are praying for more space, so that this movement of God will not be humanly inhibited.

Please pray with us...and if He calls you, will you be part of this Kingdom ministry?

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There are three ways you can help us reach more people with the Gospel and train current and future leaders.



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We need gifts of any amount to help establish our ministry in Cordoba. There are three ways to give:

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pray

- 1) Pray that those whom God has given us will remain strong in discipleship.
- 2) Pray that God would raise up leaders through the 10000 Pueblos church planting network, who would be faithful to carry out ministry in the many towns without a healthy, biblical church, and that they would have the resources to do so.
- 3) Pray for God to move in our outreach so more may hear the good news of God's grace.
- 4) Pray for those who are considering baptism, and their walk before the Lord.
- 5) Pray for Leigh McDaniel from Texas A&M University, and Timothy Sarazen from North Greenville University and us as we prepare for the Discovery Project (6-1 to 8/1).
- 5) Pray God's presence would fill our ministry so that all will see His love and grace through us.

