

Argentina



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July 15-24, I led a team to Buenos Aires, Argentina, where we taught Romans 1-8 and the Making Disciple Makers curriculum at Eben-Ezer Church. The team consisted of Rob Armstrong, my son Caleb Tellez, Daniel Paredes, and Victoria Baigorria (as interpreter). We also taught a large group of youth at a retreat center on the outskirts of the city.

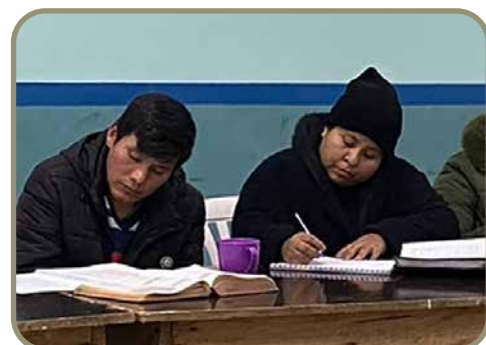
Along with a cold winter climate, we encountered many challenges, including a sketchy neighborhood in which the church was located, sickness during and after the trip, and spiritual opposition. However, by the grace of God and His power through prayer, we were able to clarify the gospel, teach on justification by faith alone in Christ alone, and cover the assurance of salvation. A youth retreat at the end of our trip revealed a great need for encouragement in the areas of suicide and abuse. After hearing a clear gospel message for the first time, some of the young people came to Christ for salvation. Others were edified in their walk with the Lord.

by Carlos Tellez



In July, I traveled with Carlos and Caleb Tellez to Buenos Aires, where we met Daniel and Vicki. Having completed numerous DM2 workshops in Bolivia over the past 8-10 years, they were happy to join our team.

The purpose of our trip was to teach Bolivian immigrants. Although Buenos Aires is a modern and cosmopolitan city with a population of over 15 million, it is also home to approximately 130,000 impoverished immigrants, most of whom live in abject poverty and are often exploited by drug traffickers, corrupt government officials and factory owners. Typically, the only jobs they can find are in "sweatshops" where they are paid very low wages for long hours in poor conditions. Forced prostitution and drug addiction are commonplace. It is estimated that approximately 50 percent of the immigrant population uses illegal drugs. Many become addicts, even in childhood. Street violence is common. While we were there, gun shots were fired in the alleyway where we were staying, and tragically, a child was killed directly across the street from us. The drug dealers are ruthless, and in many cases, the police are working for, or being paid off by, the cartels.



It was our privilege to teach through the DM2 Romans 1-8 and Making Disciple Makers curriculums over an 8-day period in a Bolivian church and small seminary. We taught the discipleship curriculum each morning from 9:30 until 12 and the Romans curriculum each evening from 6:30 until 10. Many who had to work long hours came to the evening meetings as late as 8:30 or 9 p.m. There was great interest in the teaching of God's Word, and they arrived, Bibles in hand, eager to learn. On two occasions they asked that we continue teaching till well after 10 p.m.



On the last three days of our trip, we were invited to speak at a youth camp where we had the opportunity to share the gospel with approximately 100 teenagers, many of whom were hearing the good news for the very first time. We conducted teaching sessions for 3-4 hours each day and then in the evening we had Q&A sessions, where the kids were free to ask questions about any subject they wanted. At the request of the young people, these "one hour" sessions ended up lasting over two hours each evening. Based on their questions, it seemed apparent God was doing a special work in their lives.



What an amazing privilege it was for me to be part of this opportunity. I am so thankful to Carlos (our team leader) and to the other teachers for the comradery and prayer times we shared together. If the opportunity remains open, we look forward to going back to Argentina. Thank you for your prayers and the various ways you stand with us!

by Rob Armstrong

Testimonies

"I give thanks to God and to the teachers for these classes on Romans and disciple making because they were a great blessing and clarification for the spiritual growth of our lives." - **Nestor**

"What struck me was how God fulfilled the gospel promises of Genesis 3:15 and Isaiah 53 in Christ Jesus when He died on the cross to save us." - **Mauricio**

"Truly, I have been very enriched and blessed with everything taught, especially how God loves me so much, with the same love He loves His Son, taking away all my guilt through the sacrifice of Jesus to save me from my sins." - **Ingrid**

"I was a little confused as to whether I could lose my salvation or not, but with this study I understood perfectly that we were sealed with the Holy Spirit and because I am a child of God already, there is nothing that can separate me from His love, as Romans 8:35 says." - **Reyna**

"What I think has most impacted all of us is the clear teaching that salvation cannot be lost for any reason. The Word of God clearly teaches the doctrine of the eternal security of the believer in Christ." - **Roberto**

"This is the first time I understood that I needed to trust Christ alone and nothing else to get saved from my sins. Thanks for coming to the youth retreat to teach us the Word." - **Ariana**



Prayer Items:

- Pray for Brad Rigby as he organizes trips to Egypt, Cameroon (December 2022), and Lord-willing, to Lebanon and Syria in the coming year
- Continue to pray for the fields of Zambia, Liberia, and Sierra Leone
- Pray for John and Nelly Wry as they plan to return to Bolivia in December to continue the CC3D gap-year program there
- We praise God for His wonderful and abundant provisions for the 3DTC program!
- Pray for God to use this program to raise up many strong disciple makers