

# Update from Gualeguaychú

March 2021

Dear Praying Brethren,

Time seems to go faster in the midst of busyness and changes. We recognize we haven't communicated in a timely fashion what the Lord has been doing in the last months. Please forgive us for this fault, and pray with us that we might be able to fulfill that important responsibility so all our constituents may be meaningful participants of the ministry in Gualeguaychú.

The Lord continues to add lively stones to his Church (1 Peter 2:5). Luciano is a 23-year-old young man. A year ago he began reading the Bible alone in his home. Morning, noon and night he devoured the Scriptures. By December he had read through the Bible once and was on his second time. Hector, a believer from our church, was talking to Luciano's mother and she told him Luciano was inside, reading his Bible. So Hector invited and brought Luciano to church, and he has been attending all services since. Not long after he came to church for the first time, Luciano accepted Jesus Christ as his personal Savior, and is doing a discipleship Bible study with Tim. He is growing steadily in the Lord. Pray that his growth might be balanced and that he apply all that he has been learning from the Word.



**Bible Study with Luciano**

In December Omar and Ariana returned from helping Terry and Carol Thompson, our co-workers in Chile, for almost a year, as they seek to establish a Gospel witness in the city of Angol. Soon after

their return, Omar's brother, Axel, joined them in Gualeguaychú and has decided to stay, study and get a job here. Axel has had some exposure to the Word of God as he accompanied his brother Omar while attending a sister church in the Buenos Aires area. However, Axel had not been going to church for the last 5 years. Last Monday Tim was able to share the Gospel with Axel who put his personal faith in Jesus Christ for the salvation of his soul. We are thankful for these young people that the Lord is adding to His church.

In a week, Manuel, another young man, will be following the Lord in believer's baptism. Pray that the service might be a great testimony to those present, and that Manuel might stay strong in the Lord.



**Manuel (third from the left)**

Many changes will be taking place in regards to our family. Patricia finished High School and will be attending Faith Baptist Bible College in the fall; Ruth finished two years of Bible Institute studies at FEBU (Montevideo, Uruguay), and plans to attend Appalachian Bible College this fall. Andrés plans to go to the United States for about a year as he continues to study online. So our three children, Lord willing, will be flying to the States April 17th, and will be staying with their grandparents, Harold and Priscilla, in Lincoln, NE. Please pray that they

would be able to get jobs, and adjust well to life in the States.



**Our family**

We have a furlough planned from June 2021 to January 2022, so we will be joining our children then, settling the girls in their respective Colleges, and visiting our supporters. Please pray for replacements in the church in Gualeguaychú during our absence. It has been difficult to find substitutes due to all the coronavirus restrictions in international travel.

Cristina was diagnosed with severe anemia in December. She is following the doctor's orders in a treatment that appears lengthy. This coming week she will have a series of tests done in order to identify the source of symptoms that seem to indicate fibromyalgia. Pray that the Lord would give her grace in the midst of these health issues, and wisdom to the doctors that are treating her.



**New meeting room**

We continue to hold two services Sunday morning, prayer meeting Wednesday evening, youth group Saturday evening, and discipleship classes during

the week. This Sunday the children will start having a Bible lesson for their age group during the first service preaching time.



**Old meeting room**

Two men from the church continue to work on the parsonage construction. At this moment they are plastering the walls. The "to do" list includes: installation of gas appliances so the final inspection can be done; the electrical installation; installation of the ceiling and flooring; and the installation of bathroom appliances, countertops, kitchen cabinets, and bedroom wardrobes. Thank you for your continued prayers on behalf of this project.



We also want to express our gratitude for your ongoing financial and prayer support. You have given generously and sacrificially to the Lord's work, and He will reward you abundantly.

Your co-laborers in Christ,

Tim and Cristina Goossen

[www.gmsa.org](http://www.gmsa.org)