

The Goossens in Argentina

December 2023

Dear Praying Brethren,

We are grateful for the privilege to serve the Lord on your side, and count it a blessing to be in your prayers. Thank you for supporting us financially. We appreciate your generosity, and trust the Lord will supply all your need as He did for those generous hearts in Philippi (Philippians 4:19)

Failed Plans

We have wanted to begin a Bible Study with two ladies who have visited several services in order to explain clearly the Gospel. Pray that Paola and Roxana would be interested and that no other obstacles would hinder the beginning of this Bible study.

Short Term

Seth Stevens who graduated from Appalachian Bible College came down for three weeks for a short-term mission's trip. He painted the parsonage, played the piano for our worship services, preached a Bible message with translation, and accompanied us in visitation, Bible studies, nursing home services and hospital evangelism.

Lord willing, Seth will be returning for a longer apprenticeship, arriving in Argentina January 8, 2024 for almost 7 months. He will be involved in physical work on the church/parsonage building, teaching the Wednesday night Bible study, playing the piano for services, learning Spanish, and getting a hands-on learning experience in ministry. He will also help during our annual GMSA conference as well as Family and youth camps in Paysandú, Uruguay. Pray that Seth's time in South America will be beneficial for his walk with the Lord, his growth in ministry effectiveness, and his understanding of God's direction in his life for future ministry.

In order to accommodate Seth, the church decided to equip the parsonage with the basics to host a family. So we now have 3 beds with bedding, and a kitchen with basic cooking utensils, table and chairs. We praise the Lord for the way the congregation supported this endeavor. Please pray that the gas connection for the parsonage would be completed soon.

New Believer

The same weekend Seth arrived, Claudia, a young lady, began attending the church. She had come to know Christ as Savior through her roommate in Buenos Aires, and was in the process of moving back to Gualeguaychú. She attends all the services and participates in our youth meetings. She suffered depression while unsaved. Pray that she would dwell on her new hope in Christ.

Health

Cristina has been seeing a rheumatologist that has studied fibromyalgia in depth. Besides some medication, the treatment includes exercises to stretch the muscles. She has experienced alleviation of some of the pain through this treatment, but a week and a half ago she began suffering dizziness or vertigo. Her stretching classes had to stop until this new problem is resolved. Pray that she would have a soon recovery and be able to return to her exercises.

Newcomers

About two months ago several believers from a Pentecostal church in town visited our services and began attending. They didn't agree on several things that the church was practicing, and sought a church that had an emphasis on Bible teaching. They seem eager to learn, and desirous to get to know the rest of the congregation. We are excited about having 10 new people in the church, but at the same time we need to be cautious and alert to possible problems. We plan on having a newcomers class during our Sunday school hour to go over what the church believes and practices. Pray that the newcomers would be teachable and be well received by the congregation.

Baptism

We are going through the baptismal course with Claudia and another young believer, Laura. If all goes as planned we will be holding a baptismal service at the beginning of March.

Our desire is that each of you enjoys the mercies and grace of God as you remember His Unspeakable Gift. Merry Christmas!

Serving the Savior,

Tim and Cristina Goossen

Coming Up

- Christmas evangelistic program – This Sunday (17th). Pray for the salvation of those who we've invited!
- Ruth and Patricia's visit from the States during their Christmas break. Andrés will be with us for Christmas also.
- GMSA conference – January 15-21
- Family camp – January 22-27
- Youth camp – February 29-February 3
- Newcomer's class – beginning in January
- Men's meetings

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