

Mercedes Uruguay

April 2024

Dear Brethren, Friends and Family:

Time sure flies and we have already used up the first quarter of the year. How are your goals coming along? We always set marks at the beginning of the year but...did we consider the Lord and His plans for us in those ideas? Jeremiah 29:11



We praise the Lord as we reflect in the past 5 months, we are both feeling much better and with a very good report from the Dr. for Cecilia, and Rob will go for some tests end of this month. He is feeling much better but still taking it easy. Right now we are on a much needed 15 days' vacation at our friend's house in Solymar, 30 kms. outside of Montevideo. It is good to relax and have time to talk and pray concerning our future. God knows what is best for us and we only want to do His will. **Please continue to PRAY for our health.**

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Campamento Bíblico El Ombú



Berea Bible Institute is in full swing at the Camp El Ombu. We have the biggest group of students this year since we started. A total of 13 including 2 married couples, both ladies expecting babies, a lovely girl from Paraguay and a Canadian. Yes...we enjoyed the visit of the whole Kerr family from Ottawa the first week of March. They came to leave Layton Jr. for the year. The rest of the students are from different places throughout the country. Lovely group. **Please PRAY for Alejandro and Delia** (full time workers) as

they direct, mentor, teach and manage the Bible School and Camps. On the 20th of this month, we will have a special day to celebrate the 50 years since the Ombu was purchased by Dad and Mom Russell. If they could only see it now!! We truly have, and will leave a legacy that is not just material.

Sunday School, Ladies meetings, home Bible studies, Adolescents group, Young Peoples meetings, visitation etc...has started, all with the beginning of the school year, the beginning of March. Of course we are not involved in every activity, but certainly know what is going on! **Please PRAY for the regular every week activities** and the up & coming **Local Ladies Retreat** on the 4th and 5th of May. We PTL for a wonderful team that moves about throughout the week, besides holding jobs and studying. God has given the Assembly some very valuable people that are willing to serve at any turn. We are holding Gospel meetings on



Sunday evenings on the square across from the Chapel as long as the weather allows us. The first one was taken by Leyton Kerr Senior on the 3rd of March our our son in law translating.



Wedding bells are very active this year!! By the end of 2024 we would have had 6 weddings, 2 have already taken place and another one the end of April, 2 in the winter and 1 more by the end of the year. We are thankful to see young kids that are serving, getting married and following God together. We have 2 granddaughters in relationships with 2 fine young man, so there we might have some more weddings in the near future. **Please PRAY for these new homes** and young couples starting a life together, that the Lord may always be the center of their lives.



Just a little story of the many we could tell. A little 6 year old boy, son to a lovely new young couple from the Assembly accepted the Lord into his heart (with his father, a new Christian) a few weeks ago. We had given out little wordless books in the form of a key chain, so...he took it to School and shared the story of redemption with his friends and then told the teacher. He was so excited and happy about it he had to share the good news. May we always have the heart of a little child when it comes to giving and receiving with such simplicity. **Please PRAY for the new believers.**

We are once again very thankful for your prayers, friendship, cards, emails and financial support as we labor for the Lord (and as He enables us) in Mercedes, Uruguay.

We love you in the Lord, *Rob and Cecilia Russell*

