

## Mercedes, URUGUAY

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Dear brethren, friends and family.

We are almost at the end of another year and we pray that each one of you has enjoyed, and still is, the abundant blessings from our wonderful Savior and Lord. **We rejoice** that in spite of a more difficult year in various fronts God has been our Rock and Refuge in a very special way thru out the year.



Our last newsletter was written from Canada back in August, and 2 days after we arrived back in Uruguay on the 12<sup>th</sup> of September the **National Ladies Retreat** happened!! It was a fantastic weekend of Bible teaching and fellowship with 332 ladies present from all points of Uruguay. We are having a get together for evaluation and fellowship amongst the Committee members and also plan our 25<sup>th</sup> retreat in 2025. **Please PRAY** for the many hearts that were touched by our

Lord.

Mid October the **National Youth Rally** was held outside of Montevideo and there again over 400 Young People gathered for 3 days under the sound of good Bible teaching, testimonies, good music and good food. There is a tremendous potential amongst the Youth. **Please PRAY** for the many young lives making life changing decisions about their future, that they may honor God in their lives.

Days, weeks, months go by way too fast! We continue to be involved in the Bible Institute, teaching Sunday School, visiting, Ladies Bible studies and monthly meetings, counselling, entertaining etc.... Maintenance of our vehicles is ongoing as the Mazda we brought from Canada is 32 years old, and our van is now 12 years old and beginning to show its wear. **Please PRAY** about changing into something newer and the funds to do so in His time.

**Please PRAY** for the **Graduation of the 11 students from Berea Bible Institute on the 1<sup>st</sup> of December**. There is a new couple with 2 small children, coming to live at the Camp in February 2025. He is a very gifted teacher of the Bible and a handy man. He will do a little bit of everything and lighten the load for Alejandro and Delia. **Please PRAY for Gonzalo and Carmen** as they adjust to living as a big family and changing from the capital city to the interior.

**Please PRAY** for our **Sunday School closing program on the 7<sup>th</sup> of December**. We do it outside in the front of the building as we



usually get around 200 people. A lot of unsaved parents and neighbors attend. The Gospel is clearly presented thru out the program. The S.S. picnic is on the Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> at the Camp and the whole church comes out in the afternoon for the baptism of 4 believers and Breaking of Bread. **Please PRAY as the 4 getting baptized** are from non-Christian homes and family usually gets out for events like this. Valentina is a very special case. Natalie and I know her since she was a little girl whom we taught English. Now a young adult and after many years of not seen her the seed of the Gospel shared many years ago has given fruit and she got saved in Buenos Aires, Argentina. Back in Mercedes, she is coming to church and wants to get baptized.

We are very thankful for your prayers concerning our health. I have my 6 months check up from my cancer on the 19<sup>th</sup>, its just a routine CT scan and some blood work. I am doing fine considering I turned 70 in October, ha,ha!! Rob is doing fine also, but he has to be careful not to overload himself, something that is hard to do. So **please keep us in your PRAYERS.**



**Please PRAY** for the upcoming **CAMPS** in the month of January and the **TENT CAMPAIGNS** in February. And PTL we will get a **TEAM from MSC** to work at the Camp the second half of march. If interested in being a part of the Team please contact MSC. We are deep into the planning for this activities along-side a good team of people. God is Good!! We love you in the Lord and pray that you be enjoying the presence of God in your lives in a very special way.

*Rob and Cecilia Russell*

