

Saludos desde Buenos Aires

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Dear Friends,

Thank you for taking a few minutes to read about a small part of the Lord's work in Argentina. May this newsletter guide you in your prayers for us as we strive to continue sharing our faith in Jesus in this part of the world.

Last LST Workers for 2013



Beulah sharing with one of her students

Beulah Kyle has come to Buenos Aires to share the gospel for three years now as part of the Let's Start Talking ministry. This program allows first-time visitors to church the chance to practice conversational English through reading the Bible. Students who met Beulah last year or the year before looked forward to her returning. Her coworker was Pam Pirozzo, from Garland, Texas, here for the first time. These sisters were the last LST workers in Buenos Aires for 2013.

Short term missionaries like Beulah and Pam find it necessary to juggle family and work responsibilities to come here. Their help is greatly appreciated, since the ministry they are involved in surfaces new contacts and encourages people we meet this way to continue coming. People who walk through the church building door for the first time because of LST are mostly nominal Catholics, some evangelicals, a few Jews, "new agers", and others with no religious preference. This diverse religious background is representative of the residents of Buenos Aires. We have come into touch with a significant number of our members for the first time through this particular outreach. Perhaps a majority of the non-Christians we study with now in Spanish were first contacted by LST. If you would be interested in donating two or more weeks to help sow the seed of God's word in Buenos Aires, please contact [LST](#) or ask me for more information.

Internet Challenge

When missionaries I first worked with came to Buenos Aires in the 1970's, we used a Bible correspondence course to find persons interested in learning about God's Word. The course still exists, but it and a newer course are now on our church website.

For several years the online courses were a good source of new contacts, some of whom have been baptized in the Caballito congregation. However, in recent times, the number of people who contact us this way has decreased, even with advertising. Over the last few weeks I've been trying to find different ways to improve our internet outreach, including revamping (once again) our on line courses. You can help without getting up from your computer, or putting down your smart phone, in the following way. Some of you have a number of personal friends and contacts in Argentina. Would you mind writing them and suggesting they try one of our free internet courses at www.cursos.iglesiadecristo.org.ar? Also, if any of you are involved in on-line evangelism, I would appreciate any suggestions you can give us. Internet and LST are the two most common ways persons come into contact with our congregation.



Lucho and his first certificate

Besides being an evangelistic outreach, internet studies continue to be a way for Christians to better prepare themselves. For example, Lucho, a member of the church in Córdoba, wanted to take the course in order to share his faith more effectively with others. While studying, he stayed in touch and asked questions through Facebook messenger. Our young people are promoting internet studies through social networking. Argentina is one of the countries in this part of the world where people spend more time on line and in social networks. May the Lord help us stay abreast of changing ways to share His Word.

End of School Year

The Bible Institute (www.ibica.org) is finishing this semester and the 2013 school year with over twenty students, almost all of them part time. However, generous donations made it possible for Ivan Ludermann, from the Parque Centenario congregation, to study full time for two years. It is encouraging to see more Christians preparing themselves to serve. We also have several visitors who come to Ibica classes, so the institute also has an evangelistic focus. Please keep this ministry in your prayers. For information about donating to IBICA please the following blog update is available: <http://jtbanks.wordpress.com/2013/11/17/november-17-2013-fund-raising-post/>.

Please also continue to pray for persons involved in individual Bible studies who are still counting the cost of becoming Christians as well as those who have been baptized over the last year.

Thank you for your support of the work in Buenos Aires.

Sincerely in Christ,

Joel Banks