

Saludos desde Buenos Aires

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Dear Friends,

Since last writing you we have been blessed to witness four new births at the Caballito congregation in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

New Christians' stories.

Silvia Sánchez was originally contacted several years ago when she attended a class on the book of Revelation. We lost direct contact with her but stayed in touch through our online course's mailouts. Silvia returned in August of 2012 to attend a class at the Bible institute and was baptized several weeks ago. An experienced psychologist, Silvia is donating time to work with older adults who want to improve their memories. Some visitors from the neighborhood have come.

Adrián Ponce was contacted through our website and was also recently baptized. He lives two hours away but plans to continue meeting with us on Sundays, although distance prevents him from attending during the week. Adrián tells me he is reading "Your first forty days" at home with his wife, Veronica. This material is published by the International Spanish Literature Ministry and is designed to help new Christians during the first weeks of their new life.

Betty Pedernera was contacted a couple of years ago through the Let's Start Talking outreach. She and a friend, Victoria Llovet, were baptized after Laura Valdez diligently studied with them.

You may have noticed that in these four stories, a variety of ways of outreach contributed to initial contact, but personal study about the plan of salvation was the final step. May the Lord continue to show us different ways to contact people and teach them about His Kingdom.



Silvia helping people improve their memories

IBICA's first scholarship.

March was the beginning of a new school year and the third semester for IBICA (the Bible Institute for Churches of Christ in Argentina). For the first time we have one student on a full time scholarship, Ivan Luderman, from the Parque Centenario congregation. Ivan is married and works with the youth of his congregation. Besides Ivan there are thirteen other students this semester and a number of auditors. Missionaries from two congregations help teach and promote IBICA.



IBICA staff and the Ludemann family. Left to right: Laura and Osvaldo Valdez, Joel Banks, Micaela Ludemann holding Santiago, Jonathan Hanegan, Ivan Ludemann, Pedro Soto, Dario and Sonia Lopera.

Because of the many hours people spend at work and traveling to and from their jobs in Buenos Aires, little time is left for study. A great need exists for scholarships so that qualified persons can concentrate on preparing themselves to serve. You can read more about the Bible institute and how to help it at the www.ibica.org website, or by writing me at this e-mail address.

We are blessed to have an LST team teaching the Bible in English here from Oklahoma Christian University. A number of our members were initially through this ministry.

Thank you for your prayers and financial support for the work in Buenos Aires!

Sincerely in Christ,

Joel Banks