

Prayer topics Lynn and Charles Barr Johnston - March 2008

Thank you again very much for praying for us and for those we work with and minister to. Last Saturday 1st March, there was a short **retreat** for clergy and lay leaders. There were 18 people present including Vicar Tuqui from Yema, joint Vicars Narciso and Juan with lay preacher Pascual from Juarez. Deacons Nide and Miguel from Prince of Peace church, in the northern suburbs of Salta, also went to the retreat. Unfortunately for us, **Bishop Greg** could not come as he was in the UK because the mother of his wife Sylvia died. Please pray for the Lord's comfort for **Sylvia**, and that He may enable Greg to minister the Gospel where ever he goes, and in what ever he is asked to do, as this is his aim and prayer.

In the retreat, Hans gave a clear exposition on Psalm 119, while Archdeacon Hugo made good points on evangelism and talked about plans of the diocese to implement them. They both plan to go to Juarez and Yema to help the churches in their ministry and outreach. I think this is the first visit that leaders of the diocese have made to Yema, since Bishop Maurice left in 2001. The plan is that in the future they will visit this area more frequently.

There continues to be more evangelistic outreach in the Juarez area than in Salta. In **Juarez, 10 new believers were baptized** on Sunday 27th February. One is a Gendarme called Andres Henrique with his two sons. Another is Ramon Carizo who was converted with his wife when Vicar Juan visited them. His wife was baptized last time, but Ramon was not baptized then as he still found it difficult to give up over-drinking. Another one was a son of the policeman Jose and his wife Amalia who you have prayed for. Please pray for them all, that they may **grow in their faith and witness to others**, and that the Lord may bring many of these friends' relatives and workmates to know Him. Vicar Narciso is also evangelising and teaching evangelism, and is already thinking of preparing more possible baptism candidates. Pray for him in all this.

In **Yema** Vicar Tuqui is preparing **8 new believers** for baptism, and in **Quemado** Vicar Juan is preparing another 8. These are the **first 8 to be baptised** in Quemado, though many more there have made a profession of faith in Jesus, and each Saturday they come regularly to meetings lead by Vicar Juan. The problem is that it is the first baptism, and many are fearful of it, which is not surprising, as this isolated village was full of superstition when we started regular meetings in about June 2001. The village is the centre for many who live in isolated houses where they look after their cattle. Some of these have also come to know the Lord. Please pray for Juan and the team he takes with him, which includes Sylvio and Juan's son Cristian.

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