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God is a God of mission. God wills mission.
God commands mission. God demands mission. God made mission possible through His Son. God makes mission actual in the sending of His Holy Spirit.



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Cecilia Valdiviezo has been part of the SAMS family since 2004. Cecilia served in numerous churches in the UK and Ireland for two years as a SAMS FUSION volunteer. She returned to Argentina in February 2006 and now works within her local church in Salta, leading and teaching in weekly meetings, coordinating and planning the youth programme, teaching drama and running special youth events and summer camps. Her relationship with the young people extends way beyond structured meetings; for many of them she is someone to turn to for friendship, support and advice. An evolving area within Cecilia's ministry is in detention centres for adolescents. Cecilia has the opportunity to visit young people every week, to challenge them about the choices they have made and encourage them to make positive changes.

Cecilia coordinates the SAMS Red Box Project which combines church based youth work, detached youth work, discipleship training and schools work. Schools work is an important aspect of Cecilia's ministry. A key resource which Cecilia uses within her schools programme is the "Romance Academy" programme and this has been wonderfully received by numerous secondary schools. A significant part of the Red Box Project is the organization and management of the SAMS gap year programme which places young adults from the UK and Ireland in South America.



Cecilia in Salta

Argentina **Overview**

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Argentina stretches 4,000 km (2,485 miles) from its sub-tropical north to the sub-antarctic south. Its terrain includes part of the Andes mountain range, swamps, the plains of the Pampas and a long coastline.

In 1816, the United Provinces of the Rio Plata declared their independence from Spain. After Bolivia, Paraguay, and Uruguay went their separate ways, the area that remained became Argentina. The country's population and culture were heavily shaped by immigrants from throughout Europe, but most particularly Italy and Spain, which provided the largest percentage of newcomers from 1860 to 1930.

Population

41 million

Capital

Buenos Aires

Area

2,780,000 sq km (1,000,000 sq miles)

Official language

Spanish

Salta

Salta is a city located in the Lerma Valley, 3,780 feet (1,152 metres) above sea level in the north west part of Argentina and it is also the capital city of the Salta Province. Along with its metropolitan area, it has a population of roughly 560,303 inhabitants which makes it Argentina's eighth largest city and the second in the northwest. Nicknamed Salta la Linda ("Salta the beautiful"), it has become a major tourist destination due to its old, colonial architecture, tourism friendliness, fine weather and the natural scenery of the valleys to the west.



Prayer **Points**

Focus

Pray that Cecilia will stay focused on God and His plans above all else. (Matthew 6:33) There will be times of busyness. Ask God to help Cecilia protect her private time for prayer.

Faithfulness

Pray that Cecilia will create 'time out' to read and study the Bible within a busy ministry.

Humility

Pray for Cecilia that she will have a spirit of humility and may God grant her wisdom in carrying out her various responsibilities.

Rest

Pray that God will help Cecilia recognize her need for rest away from the various ministry responsibilities.

Boldness

Pray for boldness as Cecilia shares the good news of Jesus Christ.

Detached Youth Work

Pray for Cecilia as she visits the local juvenile detention centres as part of her pastoral work. Give thanks to God for the openness of the young people. Pray for the young people who have come to faith.

Discipleship Training

Pray for Cecilia as she works with the church team in developing discipleship training, especially in the area of developing young leaders.

Schools Work

Pray for Cecilia as she visits numerous schools. Opportunities abound so pray for a real outpouring of God's Spirit in this important ministry.

Gap Year Programme

The SAMS Gap Year Programme which Cecilia coordinates has and continues to have a significant impact on the lives of young adults who participate from the UK and Ireland. Pray for Cecilia as she challenges young adults to be disciples of Christ, not simply in words but as a way of life.

If you would like to participate with SAMS through receiving prayer updates on Cecilia's ministry, or financially supporting Cecilia's work in Argentina, please contact SAMS.