

News and Prayer Requests from
Charles Barr Johnston in Northern Argentina



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Thank you very much for your prayers. Please pray for Pastor Narciso who I trained for the ministry in Juarez well over 10 years ago. He stayed a night here on his way from his Theological College in Chile to Juarez. He did very well in his first years training in that College especially when you remember that all the other students are young university graduates. Narciso is now 42. He was born in a very remote area and came to Juarez as a young man and worked as a carpenter.

He unavoidably arrived at the Theological College 2 weeks late and so could not understand the Greek lessons at all. His Greek teacher told him that he could do it and so he persevered with it though it reduced his time on his other studies. Now he is enthusiastic with Greek and is dominating the subject but still finds it difficult and so asks for prayer for God's help to study it. He also finds it difficult to understand doctrine in relation to Church History as it involves understanding philosophy he says.

So please pray for all his studies. I was glad to hear that he was assessed as the best student in his year on preaching. Please also pray that he may learn a lot by ministering with older and much more experienced ministers. Each year he is allocated to help in a different church in the capital Santiago. Last year he got to know all the members of the congregation and so will miss them the coming year. He was involved in the young people's meetings and also in preaching. Next year he has been allocated to the central students' church where the Vicar is the lecturer on preaching in the Theological College. He told Narciso that together they would be bringing the Gospel to university students. Another church on the outskirts has given Narciso a room next year in the vicarage. The Vicar wants Narciso to also minister in his church. He has already preached twice on one Sunday there. So it seems he will be helping in both churches. Please pray for his ministry in Chile and that it will be a great preparation for his future ministry.

I think he has learnt a lot not only in his studies and ministry but also in ministering with other people. As a single man working by himself in his carpentry shop he has always found this difficult. If God has enabled him here it will be a tremendous plus. So please pray that it may be so and that he will grow in his personal relationship with others.

While Narciso is on holiday in the Juarez area he has visited the churches in Juarez, Chiriguano and Yema. Please pray also for Vicar Tuqui and his wife Rosa in Yema, Deaconess Elena in Chiriguano and for Vicar Juan and his wife Sergia in Juarez.

Susan, Alex, Abigail and a girlfriend of Susan's are coming to visit on February 6th for over two weeks. I along with many others are greatly looking forward to seeing them. Please pray for safety on the long journey and that they will all thoroughly enjoy their visit.

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