

Prayer topics from Lynn and Charles Barr Johnston, May 2008

Thank you again very much for praying for us and for those we work with and minister to. Please pray for people who recently have been baptised and confirmed in San Andres. A young man, **Esteban** was baptised, and a few days later when Bishop Greg was in Salta, he with 7 others from San Andres were confirmed. Another new believer from the church pastored by Vicar Rodolfo was also confirmed. Please pray for them all and also for those who follow them up, and especially for Esteban who is the husband of **Gabi**, daughter of **Carlos and Mabel** who go to our home group each Friday. Gabi, a physiotherapist, also used to come to our home group, and so did Esteban on one occasion. Please pray for them all.

Juan Ailan from the church in Juarez also comes to our home group. He has now successfully entered into the university to read economy and business management. He entered with 1000 students, but now after some exams there are only 500. Soon the numbers will be far less after a few more exams. So please pray that the Lord may help Juan in his university and Biblical studies. He found his first exam in Maths very difficult, but he thinks he managed better the more difficult exam on Maths last Saturday, as he is getting used to studying again. He is a 26-year-old single man, who is restarting academic studies after successfully completing his secondary education in Juarez when he was 20. Every Tuesday he has a very profitable time with **Archdeacon Doctor Hugo**, who helps him in managing his time in his studies. Juan has lunch with us nearly every Sunday, and we then try and give him a Bible study for his own growth and to help him minister to others. Please pray for his witness in the university.

Last Friday Hugo started to give a series of talks in the university. In the first one, his talk helped them in their studies. I understand that in this way he gets to know the students as he helps them in their pressing felt need. But later I think the talks will be on the Gospel of Christ. The church Prince of Peace, pastored by **Deacons Nide and Miguel**, is near this university, and was originally started with outreach to the students in mind. Hugo often preaches in this church, though he spends more of his time in San Andres where he is the Vicar. He also fulfils his duties as Archdeacon throughout the diocese. Soon he will be going to the Juarez area to help the vicars there in their ministry. Please pray for Hugo in his wide-flung ministry, and also for his wife **Techi**, in her work among women in Salta.

Please continue to pray for the **Spanish speaking churches in the Juarez area**. I am told that the church in Juarez is now as full as it ever has been. Thank and praise the Lord for that. **Vicar Narciso** told me that if they grow any more, they will have to enlarge the church building. He also told me that in his visiting he realises that not all the members truly have grasped the Gospel. I told him that I think that is true of all churches, and that he needs to continue to explain the Bible message to them till Christ and His Gospel grips them, and even after that we all need to be continually reminded. So Christ gave us the Holy Communion, so that we will always remember Him and what He did for us.

The Juarez church is now having a few visiting preachers. They include **Bishop David Leake** and his wife **Rachel**, who will be mainly ministering among the Indian churches in the area. Please pray for them in that, and also for their son **Andrew** who heads the Social work in the diocese, also mainly among the Indians. David preached in Juarez last Sunday. Please also pray for Hugo's visit to the area in the near future.