

# DANY AND FLAVIA LESCANO

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## News from Argentina

*Dear Friends,*

We are writing to you from Buenos Aires, the country's capital which is home to more than 12 million people.

Life here is very hectic, with everyone hurrying to their next appointment.

It takes over 3 hours to cross the city from North to South (and that's if you go by car and there are no delays) it'd take much more time by bus!

Like in many other large cities you have to be very careful with your belongings and it's not a good idea to be out late at night.

As far as the eye can see there are buildings, apartment blocks, and more buildings.

It is very different in many respects to our old home of Salta which is a small, quiet, provincial city surrounded by mountains.

There have been many changes but despite them all we give thanks to God because we could recognize his hand helping us at every moment through the period of transition, which could have been so much more difficult.

As you know we made the decision to move to Buenos Aires because we saw that we needed to be better equipped to serve in our work for the Lord. So for a year now we have been at Bible College studying theology which is a four year course.

The past year has been special. The new course presented a challenge as we tried to organize our time and return to a routine of study, but we enjoyed all the new things that we were able to learn and our hard work paid off as we passed in all subjects.

As for our new church in Buenos Aires, we finally decided to go to the Anglican Church in Devoto, which is called *El Buen Pastor*, or the Good Shepherd. The people welcomed us and we were able to feel



comfortable and part of the fellowship. This was good as it meant that it wasn't as difficult to be away from our sending church in Salta.

This year we are also continuing to support "EJE" (Youth Encounter) a youth outreach event in which is run with the help of over 100 young people, twice a year by the Anglican Church in Salta. We will be travelling next May to take part in their next event.

We are also continuing our work as short-term mission coordinators for the mission agency Latin Link, receiving many individuals and teams who come to serve in our country. Last year we received 80 people in total, which means a lot of work finding placements, host families and following up each person, but it however very satisfying to see how God works to transform the life of each person who arrives, and also it is good to be able to act as a bridge to provide practical help to many churches, institutions and families here in Argentina.

We are so thankful for all your prayers and support and would really like to receive your news too.

Here are some specific prayer requests:

Les enviamos algunos pedidos de oración específicos:

1. For the start of our bible studies on the 8<sup>th</sup> March. That God would give us wisdom as to how best to organise and to make the most of our study time.
2. For the preparations for the next EJE (Youth Encounter).
3. For the spiritual discernment as to which projects to support and also to know how to best mentor and guide those who have come to serve in Argentina
4. For Dany's family and the other people of Tartagal, the city where they live, which has recently been hit by landslides, which destroyed part of the city. As a result there is a high risk of outbreaks of diseases.
5. For the economic situation in Argentina, where like the rest of the world we are in a time of crisis with high levels of unemployment.
6. For physical protection in a city which is increasingly unsafe.
7. For the San Andrés Church in Salta. That God would raise up new leaders to work with young people there.

We look forward to being in contact again soon...

With our very warmest greetings,

*Dany & Flavia Lescano*

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