



Prayer Requests and News from CMS Latin Partner Hugo Vergara Northern Argentina

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Dear friends in the UK.

Summer has now almost finished, with its ups and downs and different experiences. Sadly our planned visit to Spain to see our five month old first grandchild, did not take place, due to problems with obtaining a passport for Techy. After trying very hard to solve the problem, we finally had to make a last minute cancellation and were very disappointed. However, the Lord's word has continued to speak to us as we seek him in our difficult times. In Mark's Gospel we are encouraged to trust in the Lord Jesus and not to be afraid; Psalm 42 speaks of the thirst we feel for God's presence and the great truth that we are able to come close to him at all times.



Our son Esteban with Olivia in Valencia



Daughter in law Maria Pia and her family

One of our main priorities this year, together with our ministry leaders, is to search for the Lord with all our hearts, certain that he is sovereign and in control even at times of trial.

In February we took time to do some planning, to reflect on and evaluate our ministry and to think of the important changes we need to make in order to grow. It is important for us to take into account the fact that the Northern Argentina is a profoundly conservative and historically catholic area, where superstition, syncretism and folk healing practices abound. We held a meeting with Bishop Nick and other leaders to address and understand the challenges we face.

- ✚ Please ask the Lord to give Bishop Nick and Catherine wisdom as they take decisions for the future of the Diocese.

Diocesan Youth Camps

I was able to lead some of the sessions and workshops at the summer youth camps held in January. Due to the amount of work involved we decided to combine the youth and teenagers into a single camp. Over 80 young people attended, and although the organisation was complicated, we praise God for the young people's enthusiasm, and that they returned to their homes encouraged in their faith. The theme of the camp was 'Hedonism or Heroism, based on the book of Daniel.

The main highlight of the camp for me was to see how the commitment among our young leaders is developing. I firmly believe that the future of our churches is in their hands. Here are some photos of those young people who will bring leadership to Northern Argentina long-term.



Hugo with Emi and Juan



Judith , Matias and Nico



Andy Tauszig (Maru's boyfriend)

Others working with us in youth leadership are: Gabriela and Feliciano, Maru and Marcos, Elisa and David

- ✚ Please pray for the youngsters who attended the camp and learnt more of the Gospel: that their faith will grow and spread to others in their local churches back home.
- ✚ Pray too for these young leaders in the Northern Argentinian youth ministries. Ask God to keep them safe from all harm and help them reach their potential by his grace and power.

Other prayer requests:

- ✚ Please pray for our **cell group ministry**. These groups are crucial for our vision of multiplying disciples. Ask the Lord to help us to develop commitment and spiritual maturity among group members.
- ✚ We would ask you to pray for the **EME programme** – next EME weekend planned for 21/22 April.
- ✚ Pray for the **youth Alpha in Tucuman**. Please pray for preparations, attendance and good discussions.
- ✚ Ask for the Lord's wisdom in the **San Andrés ministry** and election of the new church council.
- ✚ Pray with us for the **San Pablo (Ceferino)** work: Lucio's leadership and Marta and Karina with the children.
- ✚ This week we have the first meeting of the **Urban Area working group**. Pray that we will establish good objectives for the next few years, so important for the growth and equipping of effective leaders.
- ✚ We would ask you to pray for our church leaders, including:
 - Narciso pastor in Juárez ,
 - Miguel Soliz, pastor at Prince of Peace church
 - Pablo Ontiveros at Grace Church, Tucumán,
 - Hans Breckvelt, myself and Bishop Nick.

As always we thank you for your love and prayerful support for our ministry. We send our best wishes to you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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