



## News and Prayer Requests from Andrew & Maria Leake in Northern Argentina



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A few lines to let you all know we are fine. We continue to do battle with the house, but can now see the light at the end of the tunnel...quite literally as the electrician is slowly but surely connecting all the light fittings! Once the painters move out of the kitchen we can, after many attempts, hopefully move in – and not a moment too soon, as the rainy season has already kicked in!

We actually managed to have a meal in the house (in the living room) for the first time! It was great to be able to share this special moment with friends from Church - as it is our hope and prayer that the house will eventually be a blessing to many people, not just our own family.



The next two pictures show the house in mid-winter (!), the first from the back garden and the second from the front garden.



Aside from building, we seem to be as busy as ever. Andrew disappeared on a week-long visit to Rio de Janeiro (Copacabana, to be more precise!) during the last week of August. Though he went for work, some don't quite believe him (mainly Maria), as he was staying at a hotel on the beach (while she enjoyed the company of builders) and insisted on showing us pictures of wonderful views.....



Andrew (at work in Copacabana)



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Adolescents' meeting during consultancy



Children's meeting during consultancy

After much thought and prayer, Tomas has enrolled on the entry course (done over the internet) and eventual exam to study Aeronautical engineering at the University of [La Plata \(Buenos Aires\)](#). We all agreed that this was his best option and now that the decision has been made he seems happy with the choice. If all goes well, he should start there next February.

The girls continue to do well at school but are both looking forward to the end of the school year which is just in over a month. Their social lives are still busy, especially Ceci's as her friends seem to organize barbecues most weekends...which involves a lot of taking and bringing. Tomas, on the other hand, has relatively more independence, as he can move round by bus, and (gently gently) begin to use the car.

We continue to attend and become progressively more involved with our local Church (Prince of Peace). Both Maria and Andrew will be doing talks at the Church's upcoming children's camp (8th and 9th November).

These pictures show the congregation in action, along with the worship group. Some of the audio equipment used by the group was purchased with a kind donation from the youth orchestra from our home church in St. Albans.



Andrew will be passing through the UK on the 13th November, en route to Rwanda where he again will be doing further consultancy work for Compassion International for a couple of weeks. He will spend a few days with his parents on the way back (30th Nov to 3rd December).

We would value your prayers for the following:

- Completion of the house
- Safety in travel
- Tomas and his university studies
- Our Church's children's camp (8 and 9 November)



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