

Duarte Family Update

September /October 2013

Serving the Lord in Uruguay

Dear Pastors and church family:

Thank you so much for your prayers and faithful support through the years, making it possible for us to continue serving the Lord in Uruguay. What a wonderful opportunity to minister together reaching the lost, discipling and training the believers.

We are excited to bring you up to date concerning what the Lord is doing, as well as sharing burdens and specific prayer requests. . .

CHILDREN'S DAY CELEBRATION

More than 70 children, many of them unsaved, came to a special Children's Day Celebration. We had many fun things planned such as: games, bounce castle, special crafts, snacks, and prizes. But most importantly, the kids heard the clear presentation of the Gospel. Thank you Capital Baptist Church for all your involvement in this special day!!



SEPTEMBER - BIBLE AND MISSIONS MONTH

On this month, every year we make a **special emphasis to lift up the significance and value of God's Word**. Our congregation was challenged to memorize Colossians 3:1-17, and several believers achieved this goal.

Also, this is our Mission's month, and our main desire is to burden the believers to get involved in the harvest fields. Four missionary families working in Uruguay and Argentina visited us through the month sharing their hearts and ministry. We thank you Jerry and Linda Glass, Hinnenthal family, Ramirez family, and Carter family for your challenges through your lives and ministries.

Please be in prayer for the church family, both in Fray Bentos and in Young, as Sergio expands on the principles of Faith Promise Giving for the next two Sundays, and our team worker Missionary Mariano Proto does the same in Young. This is a new concept for them, and we are so encouraged to see the positive response already and the willingness to give to missions.

International Banquet



Last Sunday we ended this special month with an International Banquet, this has become a great celebration to wrap up Missions Emphasis Month and also an outreach ministry to unsaved family and friends. The believers prepared delicious dishes from countries around the world. We had a wonderful time of fellowship; more than 70 people came; the plan of salvation was clearly preached, and one man surrendered his life to the Lord for salvation. **Praise the Lord!** Please pray for the many other visitors who heard the Gospel.

CAMP RETREATS

- College and Career Retreat - Missionary Mariano Proto had the opportunity to speak to this age group and share with them on the topic of God's will. What a key issue to address at this important time of decision making in the young people's lives. Gabriel and Valeria from our church attended the retreat and were blessed and challenged.
- Ladies Retreat - October 3-5 our ladies had their annual retreat and the Lord ministered to their hearts in many ways. What a blessing to have these opportunities to be alone with the Lord and growing in His ways.

BIBLE INSTITUTE CLASSES

The two BI classes we have offered in Fray Bentos (Bible Study Methods, and Teaching in the Church) are coming to an end. It has been a very rewarding experience seeing the growth and understanding of the believers on these two topics. In the next two Sundays, the students will be putting into practice what they have learned teaching the different Sunday school classes. We are so encouraged to count with trained believers that can now take on more responsibilities.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- ✓ Mariano and Becky Proto, our team co-workers, will be travelling to the States this coming November through the end of the year. Becky will undergo surgery. Please remember them in prayer.
- ✓ For the Faith Promise Program - our desire is to see the commitment of the believers to support missions.
- ✓ For our eight Bible Institute students - that they will become a tool for God's glory in His service
- ✓ For Gabriel and Valeria - they are two young people who have surrendered their lives to full time service. Gabriel will be attending, Lord willing, FEBU (Biblical Studies College of Uruguay).
- ✓ For FEBU - Continue to pray for this effort to train men and women for service, FEBU will open its doors for the first time this coming March 2014. Sergio will travel weekly to Montevideo to teach Biblical Foundations.
- ✓ For new contacts and souls to be saved.
- ✓ For godly wisdom in raising our three children: Patricia (15), Martin (13), and Melanie (7). For the work of God in our own lives, and continual spiritual growth.

In Christ,
Sergio, Andrea, Patricia, Martin and Melanie Duarte.