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Argentina

Over the last decade I have asked prayer for Concordia (Population 136,000), which I regularly visited with my late wife, Betty. Often only four or five were present. In several letters prayer was requested that the Lord would send a National worker and his wife to reside there. While that was how we saw it the Lord graciously brought Daniel and Estela, a married couple from Buenos Aires, to care for Daniel's father. They have many years of experience in assemblies and have a passion for the Lord's work. On my last visit, baptisms took place and four were added to the assembly. Roberto and Vanessa who have come periodically attended the baptisms and were challenged by the fact that two of those baptised had lived for years in a common-law relationship, had put their lives in order and got married. Roberto and Vanessa have followed their example and have arranged to be married. God willing, they will be baptised on our next visit on September 7th. Daniel and Estela put great effort into what they do and after years of dearth, a children's and young teens' work are growing. Please be encouraged and keep praying for Concordia.

With the help and fellowship of other assemblies, last weekend was devoted to evangelism in Paraná. The efforts were centred on two outreaches begun in the last 12 months. The main thrust was door-to-door visitation. For some it was the first time they had engaged in this kind of outreach. Others worked with children, and at the close of day, all united in open-air preaching. Powerful testimony was given by those whose lives have been transformed. Some professions of faith were made and many new contacts made. The assembly has rented a 24x16 ft. hall in the area and the first meeting was held there a week ago. Ricardo and Claudia were saved last year and opened their very humble home for meetings. They have grown considerably and hope to be baptised on the 21st of September. Please pray for them. God willing, from September 13th to 15th I hope to fulfil my promise to visit Catamarca, which involves two bus journeys, taking fourteen and a half hours. Such distances mean that these dear saints seldom get a visitor. Split and late working hours in Argentina means that mid-week meetings are not strongly attended. Consequently, as in most places, they hope to have six meetings over the weekend, maybe more. As it is not recommended to travel alone in Argentina, Martin, one of my grandsons, hopes to travel with me. A single person in a bus station at night with a suitcase and briefcase is a target for assault and theft!

Rather than a goal achieved, since that was never my objective, it may be a mission completed, as this visit means that over the last 44 years I have visited every Province in Argentina for the preaching of the gospel and the teaching of God's Word.

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Jim Burnett

Tanzania

Dar-es-Salam (Writing from England)

We have been holding off writing this update in the hope of sharing good news regarding our Work and Residence Permit. Gill's permits were granted at the beginning of July. However, Stephen's Work Permit application was rejected on the basis that his 'Job Description' could be filled from the local labour market. We think they may have overlooked that missionary endeavour is unsalaried and that we live by faith. An appeal was lodged and submitted in May through a well-connected intermediary. Even though we were told that things were progressing and a positive outcome was expected, alas, both the electronic and physical copies of the appeal documents were 'misplaced.' Last week there was a flurry of activity after which we were told we need to wait for a final decision. We recall the above words of Jehoshaphat as we feel so powerless and unable to understand the situation, but *'our eyes are upon the LORD'*! We have been in the UK since mid-July as, without a Work Permit, Stephen is not allowed to be involved in any missionary ministry. In the Lord's will, we plan to return to Tanzania at the end of this week. To our minds it would be helpful to have a decision before we land, but *'as for God His way is perfect.'* (Psalm 18:30) We thank the many who have been praying: we ask that you continue and will let you know as soon as we get some clarity.

The children's outreach: On the Thursdays we had the regular numbers (50-70), but on the Fridays, being the mid-year school holidays, we welcomed a massive 728, with a few others outside the fence who arrived late! We also heard very many reciting Psalm 103:1-5 perfectly for a prize before returning to the UK. What a privilege and responsibility to communicate the gospel to these young lives.

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Steve and Gill Davies

Venezuela

Los Altos

We accompanied the brethren in Puerto La Cruz in gospel meetings. From those meetings, we would like to mention 70-year-old Mr. Loreto Rodriguez, step-father of a dear faithful sister in that assembly. He was in Puerto La Cruz visiting the family for a week and started to attend the meetings, Mr. Loreto professed to be saved and was so impressed by the order and the clear message presented that he didn't return home until the meetings finished. He is from El Pilar, about four hours east from us, and he now wants the gospel preached in his home as "they also need salvation". On the last night of the meetings seven believers were baptized and added to assembly fellowship in Puerto La Cruz: may they shine for Him.

We then started to accompany the brethren in Santa Fe Assembly, an hour east from home. When petrol became very hard to get we weren't able to travel, so we stayed in Los Altos and preached with Noel McKeown there. A good number of unbelievers attended regularly and one lady, Osmiriam, professed to be saved. Her husband, Vladimir, professed last year and has been very faithful. Initially, she didn't attend the meetings and was quite difficult with him, however, the Lord worked and she started to attend regularly. One night after the meeting she told us she had received the Lord at home that afternoon. It gives us joy to see Vladimir arrive at the meeting with his wife and three daughters: may the Lord preserve them. When Berenice died, the meetings simply "moved" to her home (a 5-minute walk from the Hall), it was encouraging to see those who had been attending at the Hall now go to the meetings at the house of mourning. Also, most of the town's teachers and nurses started to attend as Berenice had been a teacher in Los Altos Primary School for 25 years and her sister, Ilcia, is a nurse. May the Word that was sown bear fruit.

During August, we hope to be in Cumana, the capital of Sucre State. There is no assembly in Cumana but there is a small group of believers that meet in the house of Mr. Valentin Maita. We hope to help with the gospel and in sharing some basic doctrine. We would appreciate your prayers regarding Cumana.

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Pedro and Lois Malave

Scotland

New Machar, Aberdeen

We rejoice that over this past school year many hundreds of children have encountered the word of God, some for the very first time. By faith, we know that the Word of God is powerful and that our merciful God is using it to draw young souls to Him. Earlier this year, following the Bible Exhibition we were encouraged when eight pupils and one teacher requested Bibles! Please pray that they will understand more about the gospel as they read the Bible for themselves.

At the end of the last school year, we were able to distribute around 170 bibles to P7 school leavers. I attended some of the assemblies and was encouraged to meet parents who, in conversation, showed an interest in the work of the Lord. I also had the opportunity of briefly sharing my testimony with E, one of the parents from a local school. Please pray for her: my wife, Fiona, maintains contact with her.

During the summer holidays the Inverurie Gospel Hall Holiday Bible Club was well attended by around 40 children, who gave good attention. We had some attending for the first time, and were encouraged by children from other local assemblies attending. Please pray that the good seed planted would grow for the glory of God.

I appreciate prayer as I plan for the Bible Clubs D.V. Dyce Academy Scripture Union group will recommence the week after the summer holidays. Please pray that the new first years will have the courage to attend, and that we may be given wisdom to disciple senior pupils.

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Graeme and Fiona Smith

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