



Please Pray for The Maness Family

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Missionaries to Argentina

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Beginning of a New Year

One of the things that we do as a family each year is to take inventory over the last year and compare our goals that we put forth and compare with the events of the year. It is always encouraging to see how close we can get to the goals listed. We then share our desires for the year that we are entering. We write down spiritual goals, physical/health goals, mental/intellectual goals as well the short and midrange steps to reach them. If one aims for nothing they will hit it every time. God has a great plan for each one of us and for His work!

First Sunday Service in Malvinas Argentinas!

On the first Wednesday of the year as we were discussing plans for the year for the work it was unanimously decided by the people that they wanted to add a Sunday service each week. In their words, they said that it was too long from Wednesday to Wednesday. We had our first Sunday service on the 8th of January and a second on the 15th

A Powder Keg

The first institution that God had established was the institution of the family. If Satan cannot stop a group from meeting by directly interfering or discouraging then many times he will attack what forms the group, the family. The family in whose house we are meeting has been under attack. On the 18th of the month a small spark set off the powder keg in their family that caused a great divide. Please pray for this group! At the time of this writing the wife is upset that I won't take her side in an argument she had with her husband. In her anger she sent out a message to everyone in the group canceling services until further notice. So far she has not been willing to speak with us in person. Please pray for her! We have not given up hope for reconciliation.

In the process of reconciling a divided family

We were able to get the conversation started again during the last week. We went last Sunday evening to the plaza in their city which is just a couple of blocks from where we had been meeting. We did not know if anyone would show up or not but it did get the discussion going again. Pray that she will have the courage to meet us face to face to lovingly work through these issues. Too much is at stake in their family to not reconcile. The Lord has been busy working in the lives of the ones that have been coming each week and it pains our heart to think about the ones that would be hearing the message that are currently not able to.

Plans for the future

The city of Cordoba alone has a population of a million and a half people. There are numerous cities in the province besides that capital. Many smaller towns that have no churches at all. There is no lack of lost people with which to share the Gospel. As we wait for results in Malvinas we will continue to reach out to other areas as we did before. If, for example, we carry 100 Gospel booklets to another town and pass them all out, all we need is one family to respond and say yes to opening their home for a Bible study!

**Thank you for
your prayers
and support!**

**"And let us not
be weary in
well doing; for
in due season
we shall reap,
if we faint not."
Gal. 6:9**



Pictures from our first Sunday meeting!



Picture from our last Wednesday to meet as a group



This is the picture that we took from the plaza in Malvinas Argentinas on the last Sunday of the month.



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Thoughts from Stacie

A New Year

It rained on New Years Eve so the children didn't get to bring in the New Year by sleeping on the roof but we did set off some sparklers and watched the fireworks that went off around the city from our roof before the rain got heavier. We also sat down together and made plans and set goals for 2023. My word for the year is "diligence". So far it's proven to be a good one. We need to be diligent to follow what the Lord sets before us no matter the outcome.

A Trip to See a Waterfall

Since the ones we've been working with in Malvinas Argentinas decided they would like to have Sunday evening service. We knew we wouldn't be able to fit in any kind of a vacation once summer ended and all the school year activities started back up. With all that in mind we decided to go on a shorter trip to take the kids to see the waterfall at La Cumbrecita a town a couple of hours from where we live.

Joanna's 6th Birthday

We timed our outing to visit La Cumbrecita around Joanna's birthday. Once we arrived back home she opened presents and ate birthday cake. One of her presents was a candle making kit. She enjoyed making her own birthday candles. Since we made the candles with a longer wick she was able to use them for the cake we took to Malvinas also to celebrate with our friends there.

Elisabeth's First Professional Haircut

Elisabeth has super thick curly hair. She prefers to take care of her hair herself. She doesn't like for me to comb it and it was starting to get too long for her to take care of it herself. She was getting some crazy rats nests in her hair. So I told her she was going to need a haircut. She has a very sensitive head and combing her hair brings her to tears. I took her to a beauty salon and they started washing and combing the matted tangles out of her hair. There was one other new experience for us both. A hairstylist came in wearing a dress, long hair, and a lot of makeup. However something seemed off with "her". Which my suspicions were confirmed as soon as "she" started speaking with a very masculine voice. I think he was afraid to cut my hair. After sweeping the floor he turned his focus on helping the other stylists with Elisabeth's hair. When Elisabeth started to cry I told them to stop trying to comb it out and just cut the tangles. I had to give this stylist credit though he saved her hair. Elisabeth was pretty upset over the combing but was better during the haircut part. I wasn't sure if she realized anything different about the hairstylist until she asked me while we were waiting to pay, "Mom, was that person that cut my hair a guy or a girl?" I told her I would explain it later once we left. So I took her out for ice cream and had a good talk about the hairstylist.

Problems in Malvinas Argentinas

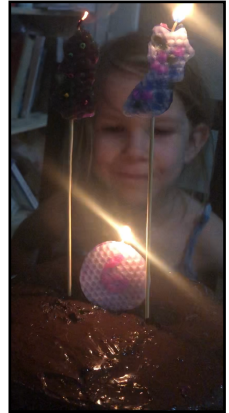
Things were going so well and we were excited to see more interest in our Bible Studies but then a spark lit the fuse. One of the Wednesdays we arrived for the Bible Study and the family that we first started meeting with had just spent a good part of their day filling their front yard with rocks. The adults were tired and the little boy was very distracting during the service as we kept having to stop him from pouring rocks on his head or on the plants around the yard. This upset some of the men who were impatient with the boy. They tried locking the gate which upset the wife of the house. Things could have been better if they would have been patient and saved their discussions for the following service but instead they started discussing it as soon as we left. All the problems in their marriage came out from that one spark.

A Four Hour Visit

I received an unhappy message from the wife over her husband and while I couldn't solve all their problems I offered to come visit her that Friday. I spent half a day with her on Friday. We discussed the problem with distractions and some possible changes we could make to solve some of it. We also planned on possibly having a special Ladies' Bible Study once a month with the young mother that has been learning and growing. We also discussed having a divided time on Wednesdays where the men and women could have a divided class and prayer time for at least a few minutes. When I left I thought we had solved things. I told her that Scott would talk to the men on Sunday and we would discuss the other changes for the next service. Sadly what felt like a fruitful visit turned completely upside down with just a few angry messages. Then she canceled all services until further notice without discussion. That put us in an awkward situation as we cannot have meetings in their home without their permission.

Visiting the Park in Malvinas

When the meetings were canceled in Malvinas there wasn't anything we could do about it. After missing a couple of meetings we decided to visit the closest park to their home. Sunday we sent out a message to the whole group letting them know that we missed them and would be at the park that evening if anyone wanted to come visit with us. While no one else showed up at the park, we were able to get some much needed communication started. Please pray as we try to resolve the problems in Malvinas Argentinas.



In January we had a few more special Christmas offerings come in!
Thank you!
Christmas offerings:
Cleveland MBC
Cleveland, TX
Faith BC
North Little Rock, AR
Anonymous



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January 2023 Financial Statement

58th Ave. MBC	Amarillo, Tx	\$84.10
Alvin MBC	Alvin, Tx	\$100.00
Bethel MBC	Sterling Heights, MI	\$100.00
Bethel MBC	New Orleans, LA	\$25.00
Beulah BC	Lithia, FL	\$25.00
Calvary MBC 2 cks	Three Rivers, MI	\$200.00
Concord MBC 2 cks	Omaha, TX	\$400.00
Eastside BC	Broken Bow, OK	\$50.00
Eastside BC	Jacksonville, TX	\$59.50
Emmanuel MBC	Bogalusa, LA	\$250.00
Faith Baptist 2cks	N. Little Rock, AR	\$400.00
First BC	Ranson, WV	\$208.44
Florence St. BC	Broken Arrow, Ok	\$150.00
Golden Meadows BC	Garland, TX	\$100.00
Grandview Bapt	Henderson, Tx	\$100.00
Landmark BC 2 cks	Mt. Enterprise, Tx	\$600.00
Landmark MBC	Bogata, TX	\$30.00
Landmark MBC	Athens, Tx	\$100.00
Landmark MBC	Farmington, NM	\$50.90
Landmark MBC	West Monroe, LA	\$75.00
Longbranch BC 2 cks	Carthage, Tx	\$400.00
Mac & Ruby Walls	Grand Rivers KY	\$100.00
Mt. Calvary MBC 2 cks	Jackson, MO	\$200.00
Myrtle Tree BC	Patriot, OH	\$200.00
Nevills Chapel MBC	Mt. Pleasant, TX	\$500.00
Nevills Chapel MBC	Mt. Pleasant, TX	\$372.90
New Shady Grove BC	Carthage, TX	\$178.58
Pinehaven BC	Pensacola, FL	\$25.00
Piney Grove BC	Somerset, KY	\$150.00
Rocky Branch MBC	Naples, Tx	\$125.00
Skyline MBC	Madison, AL	\$165.00
Sublett Rd. BC	Arlington, Tx	\$50.00
Victory MBC	Russellville, AR	\$1,050.00
Walnut St. BC	Hillsboro, TX	\$560.00
Westwood MBC	Winter Haven Fl	\$100.00
White Oak Bapt. Church	Nancy, Ky	\$500.00



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Total Expenses for the month of January

- Transportation Expenses
 - Auto Expenses
 - Parking Garage = \$51.32
 - Gasoline for car = \$42.25
 - Highway toll = \$1.14
 - Repaired Tire = \$3.43
 - Auto Insurance for car = \$364.11
 - Taxi = \$0
 - Bus = \$2.57
- Housing Expenses = \$258.28
- Miscellaneous Expenses
 - Life Insurance = \$79.29
 - Samaritans = \$682
 - Phone/Internet = \$11.78
 - Office Rental = \$30.26
 - Bank Transfer Fee = \$100
 - Teaching materials = \$61.19
 - Supplies for Work = \$98.27

Thank you all so much for your continued prayer and support!



"I will make you fishers of men!"



Pray for Matias! Before services were shut down he came twice in a row and stayed the whole time!



We took the kids to a town about 2 hours away towards the beginning of the month to let them see another part of the province and talk to different people.