



Please Pray for The Maness Family

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My wife and I on our last visit to the plaza in Malvinas Argentinas

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His ways are higher than our ways!

We began the month continuing to reach out to Malvinas Argentinas, however, more heartache was around the corner as the door appeared to be firmly shut in our faces. We still love the people that have caused us so much pain and pray for their welfare. Toward the end of the month we received a notice that one of them had a mild heart attack. Pray that they would open their hearts to the Lord's will.

Here in Argentina it is a great struggle for many individuals to not try to take over and control a group that the Lord intended to have congregational rule and not dictatorial rule. The Lord has us here to free people to serve the Lord and not enslave them to man's rule, as is the practice of many religions!

Not for that we have
dominion over your faith,
but are helpers of your joy:
for by faith ye stand.
2 Corintios 1:24

Seeing my stepfather again before he entered into Eternity

One of the most important things on my mind and heart was that I had the opportunity to share the gospel one last time with my stepfather. I was saved in February of 1992. Since this time I began to pray for the salvation of not just my family and friends but all that I would meet. I remember going to my stepfather's house on visitation shortly after I was saved to share the gospel. My Sunday school teacher had led him in a prayer at the time, but there were always doubts in my mind as to the sincerity. Over the years, we had a great many conversations about the Lord, usually not seeing eye to eye on the authority of the Bible and it's place in our lives.

When we received the notice that he was on hospice with lung and liver cancer we booked a flight for me to go and be with him before he died. **A special thank you to our sending church, Nevill's Chapel MBC, for helping me to get there and back!**

During the week that I was there we had several visits and conversations on several different subjects. It was important to make sure and know whether our trust is in a religious system of man or directly trusting in the sacrifice that Jesus provided through His shed blood on the cross.

He assured me that his trust was in Jesus, though he still identified with the Catholic church. On the 10th of March he passed into eternity. Make sure that you have shared with your loved ones the good news of salvation!

A great visit with my mother and so many others!

It was such a blessing to see that the prayers of so many years had been answered! I had the greatest time imaginable getting to visit with my mother and seeing her seeking the Lord and searching the Scriptures daily! Room would not permit to share all of the stories from the month and great conversations that the Lord allowed me to have this month! Please keep your focus on the Lord even when all of your plans are derailed. You will find His plans in its stead!



My last time to talk to and see my stepdad!



First time to see both my mother and stepdad in the same room since I was a teenager!



Fixing my mother's floor in her house!

We would like to find a permanent meeting place in the next few months. Please pray for this endeavor!



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The kids, learning
how to milk a cow!

Thoughts from Stacie

A Gift of Bananas

We really missed the fellowship we once had in Malvinas Argentinas. We were especially sad to lose contact with the family of the little boy. The first Sunday of this month we tried to reach out to them again. Knowing how much that little boy likes bananas I wanted to bring him some bananas and coloring pages. Scott agreed that would be a good idea so we visited his home before going to the park. Sadly he and his mother weren't home but another family member was. We left a message that we missed them and wanted to share some bananas and coloring pages for him and his family.

The Door Closed Tighter

When one of their neighbors found out we visited and dropped off the bananas she threatened to call the authorities on us if we ever show up in her neighborhood again. She was sure we were saying bad things and trying to buy her neighbors. Her reaction and the fact that no one else in the group has reached out to us over this whole incident has confirmed to us that the door in Malvinas Argentinas is currently closed. The Lord will have to make it clear to us if He wants us to return there.

One Last Get-A-Way Before the School Year Begins

Finding our calendar completely turned over in February and having some belated Christmas offerings we were able to plan one more trip to the mountains before all the Fall activities began. This time we went to a country house on a river with lots of land and cattle. The kids were able to explore more than at any of the other locations we've had in the past. The kids declared it as their favorite get-a-way of all because there were so much property and animals there.

Visiting a Different Plaza

After arriving back from our vacation we decided to visit a different plaza and see what the Lord might open up. The plaza we tried to go to was turned into a parking lot for a sporting event that we didn't know was going on. One of the major soccer teams in town were having game that Sunday night. So we decided to go to another smaller plaza. It did give us ideas for a possible sports outreach in the future.

Received a Call about Scott's Stepdad

We received a call in the middle of February that Scott's stepfather, John, was diagnosed with cancer. Scott talked to him by phone and it sounded like he was feeling pretty good and would know more after some test results came back. Meanwhile we were looking at maps of Cordoba where we live and making plans for outreach in the city, when suddenly on the 22nd of the month we heard the news that John was admitted to a hospice facility and only had a short time to live. I felt Scott needed to see his stepfather one last time to say goodbye and hopefully have some reassurance that John's heart was right with God before his life here on earth was over. It was really strange how we went from making plans in one direction and suddenly found ourselves calling our pastor at Nevill's Chapel about Scott's desire to visit his stepdad one last time. Then how quickly Scott had his tickets. I didn't even have 24 hours to wrap my mind around all that was happening. But I did have enough time to crochet a scarf for Scott as he rushed to pack his suitcase for the winter weather he would be approaching in Michigan.

The Whole Basket Overturned

What a crazy month it was though. It felt like all our plans for the month was completely shaken up and dumped out. Every plan we tried to make in February was suddenly turned over and finally we realized God knows what is best and where He wants us at each moment. We want to go through every door the Lord opens and sometimes in an effort to not miss one we may try to push a few doors open by ourselves. Then we realize that maybe we're trying too hard to force open a door that God hasn't opened to us yet. This is where you come in... we really need your prayers.

Please Pray

Please pray for us to stay encouraged and that the Lord will reveal where He wants us to be. We would like to rent or buy a building to invite people to meet with us. Right now we don't have a fixed location for a Bible Study. We now see some of the potential problems with only meeting in homes of other people. We need a place where even if we meet in homes occasionally we can have a more fixed location where the doors can remain open and not be suddenly shutdown by one family.



Scott, outside with his mom and aunts. He told me that the scarf I crocheted for him was so special to him as it not only kept his neck warm in the cold of Michigan but also was a tangible reminder of the ones that he missed so much at home!

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February 2023 Financial Statement

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| 58th Ave. MBC | Amarillo, Tx | \$91.52 |
| Alvin MBC | Alvin, Tx | \$100.00 |
| Bethel MBC | New Orleans, LA | \$25.00 |
| Bethel MBC | Sterling Heights, MI | \$100.00 |
| Beulah BC | Lithia, FL | \$25.00 |
| Cleveland MBC | Cleveland, TX | \$150.00 |
| Eastside BC | Broken Bow, OK | \$50.00 |
| Eastside BC | Jacksonville, TX | \$50.00 |
| Emmanuel MBC | Bogalusa, LA | \$250.00 |
| Faith Baptist | N. Little Rock, AR | \$200.00 |
| First BC | Ranson, WV | \$250.28 |
| Florence St. BC | Broken Arrow, OK | \$150.00 |
| Golden Meadows BC | Garland, TX | \$100.00 |
| Grandview, BC | Henderson, TX | \$100.00 |
| Gum Springs MBC | Price, Tx | \$75.00 |
| Landmark BC | Mt. Enterprise, Tx | \$300.00 |
| Landmark MBC | Bogata, TX | \$30.00 |
| Landmark MBC | Athens, Tx | \$100.00 |
| Landmark MBC | West Monroe, La | \$75.00 |
| Longbranch BC 2 cks | Carthage, TX | \$550.00 |
| Mac & Ruby Walls | Grand Rivers KY | \$100.00 |
| Myrtle Tree BC | Patriot, OH | \$400.00 |
| Nevills Chapel MBC | Mt. Pleasant, TX | \$500.00 |
| Nevills Chapel MBC | | \$372.90 |
| New Shady Grove BC | Carthage, TX | \$202.06 |
| 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 |
| Walnut St. BC | Hillsboro, Tx | \$310.00 |
| White Oak BC | Nancy, Ky | \$150.00 |



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Preparing to board plane!

Total Expenses for the month of February

- Transportation Expenses
 - Auto Expenses
 - Parking Garage = \$51.32
 - Gasoline for car = \$34.93
 - Highway toll = \$1.06
 - Taxi = \$7.05
 - Bus = \$1.32
- Housing Expenses = \$211.97
- Miscellaneous Expenses
 - Life Insurance = \$79.29
 - Samaritans = \$682
 - Phone/Internet = \$51.62
 - Office Rental = will be on next month
 - Bank Transfer Fee = will be on next month



View from the back yard at my mother's house.



While in Michigan, I had a great visit with my oldest friend, Derick. We have been friends since I was in kindergarten!



Farm house, where my mother grew up.

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