



Please Pray for The Maness Family

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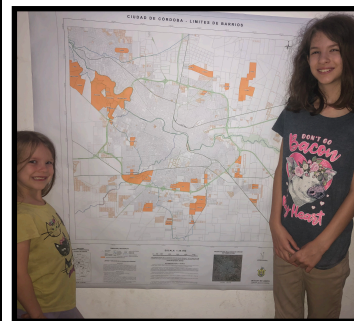
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Joanna and Elisabeth standing by the map we had printed of the city of Cordoba, Argentina.

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Visiting the plazas and talking to people on the street

By the latest count that I had seen, there are 562 distinct barrios, (neighborhoods), in the city of Cordoba. Most of these neighborhoods each have their own plaza or square where people visit with their families and friends. One of our plans is to try to systematically reach out to each of the plazas and neighborhoods while we are in the country to have as wide of a reach as possible. Meanwhile, if any family is willing to open their home up for a mid-week Bible study, we will go there and build depth. We would love to see started several individual mid-week Bible studies going on in the city during the month and also to have a central meeting place where they could all come together on Sundays. Please pray for us that the Lord would lead us to the meeting place that He would have and would lead us to families that really want to know more about our blessed Lord and Savior!

We have been watching the listings for locations that might serve to have a meeting place. We would love to have a meeting place somewhere on the North East side of Cordoba as there are very few churches of any kind where someone could hear the Gospel and no Baptist churches of any kind on that side of this great city.

An opportunity to preach at a men's meeting

I was thankful to be invited to preach the message for the Men's meeting that Templo Bautista in Cordoba began for the year. It was a great time of sharing as several men, young and old, came together to seek the Lord. We are thankful for all of the help that Templo Bautista has given to us. They just celebrated their 42nd anniversary since their church was planted here in Cordoba. They are one of the very few churches in the country that is Local Church only and Closed communion. We look forward to the day when many more churches have been planted here and are bearing fruit.

Plan B on funding daily life

In Argentina things seem to constantly change. Please pray for us as there was a change in our principle way of getting and handling our finances here in the country. Pray that this will improve as the economy is in bad shape here. We are fine and are still able to do all that we need to do, just with less convenience. We definitely appreciate your prayers!

Permission from the government for each church to meet

I am always learning new things. This month I learned from one of the pastors here that each church that isn't Catholic has to turn in their paperwork each year in order to have permission from the government to continue to meet as a church. I knew that missionaries had to do this but did not realize that established churches have to do this each year as well to keep their number and status.

Each year since we have been here we have received an invitation letter from a church here in order to allow us to be here with a religious visa. We will be in the process over the next couple of months to renew all of our immigration paperwork for the next year. Please be in prayer for us as we strive to fulfill all of the requirements.

"I've been reading what you sent."

It was very encouraging this month going into a business where we frequent in order to buy some needed supplies and owner had some Bible questions for me. As we talked for a while, he told me that he had been reading and listening to the messages that I have been sending out each week. Please continue to pray for the many people that we regularly see and with whom we share His message!

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This is a great graphic showing the size difference between Argentina and Texas! There is a lot of ground to cover in Argentina!

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

We have seen some used 3 bedroom homes listed on marketplace between 20-30K that might be a possibility for using for meetings.

The Lord knows what is best! Pray that we might have His wisdom as we search!

Thank you for your prayers and support!



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Thoughts from Stacie

Scott's Return to Argentina

Scott made it back home here in Argentina at the beginning of March. He returned just in time for all the back to school activities. His week and a half away kind of rocked our worlds a bit. For a whole week after he arrived home I couldn't help constantly telling him, "I'm so glad you're back!" He told me I didn't have to apologize for repeating it over and over. He was just as glad to be back. We can do things on our own but we are far better together!

Schools Starting Back for the Year

Even though we homeschool here in Argentina, all the extracurricular activities such as band and music classes were closed during the summer. The children were excited that band and violin classes started back. This year Hannah and Jonathan are starting to become more independent. I was a bit nervous but Jonathan was excited when I let him go by himself in a taxi to his band class. Both he and Hannah have some classes where they will be either walking or taking public transportation by themselves to attend. It's a little difficult loosening those apron strings a bit but at 18 and 16 they are embracing growing up. Did I mention Jonathan is taller than I am now?! I'm not sure if I'm completely ready for them to be so grown up.

Elijah's 13th Birthday

We have another teenager in the house! Elijah turned thirteen on the 19th of March. We celebrated by taking him out to eat after church and letting him play some games with his siblings. We also enjoyed putting a challenging puzzle together for him to hang on his wall.

Hannah's 18th Birthday

Exactly one week after Elijah's birthday, we celebrated Hannah's eighteenth birthday on the 26th. This was a big day for Hannah as she is officially old enough to leave home. Thankfully we still have a year to enjoy her here with us as her current plans are to stay with us in Argentina until 2024 and then she plans to return to Texas. Please pray for her as she has a lot of goals for her time with us before she leaves. Some of those goals are educational but also spiritual in nature. She wants to build some skill sets that she can use for sharing the gospel in the future. Pray for her and us as we encourage her in these pursuits this year.

We Can't Forget Them

In the last report I mentioned the closed door in Malvinas Argentinas. While that door is still closed, several times in March we have received messages usually through mutual groups we are in about situations going on in their neighborhood. It's very confusing to be unfriended by a person on Facebook but then have that person like many of my public posts where Scott was preaching. She also shared a picture of the little boy we were concerned about before. It's almost like they want us to come back but they still don't want to talk to us personally.

No Reconciliation without Discussion

We do not hold hard feelings against the family that have hurt us so deeply. But we can't have full reconciliation without discussing things said and accusations made. We can't brush those things aside without addressing them first. They have been reaching out to other pastors for help. One pastor called Scott to get the rest of the story about what was going on out there. While we don't want to share a lot of details we do have to be upfront about the problems we had. As I mentioned in the last report, one person threatened to call the authorities on us if we return. If they have changed their minds, they need to reach out to us directly and not through other people and mysterious messages. At this point all we can do for them is pray.

Moving Forward

While we are willing to go back out to Malvinas Argentinas, we won't be doing things exactly the same as we were before. We have learned at least one thing from the heartbreaking experience out there. One we need a fixed location to meet. One of the problems we now see is we can't just meet in homes. One person can completely shutdown everything if we don't have another option for the rest of the group. We need a place that we can invite people to that is not solely dependent on the homeowners where we meet. We know God has the perfect location. All we need to do is find it. Please pray for us as we seek that perfect central location, where we can invite families to join us on Sundays. This way even if we start a Bible Study in someone's home we can invite people to the more fixed location even if that home closes its doors for whatever reason.



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March 2023 Financial Statement

Alvin MBC	Alvin, Tx	\$100.00
Benjamin Stafford	Murray, Ky	\$205.00
Bethel MBC	New Orleans, LA	\$25.00
Bethel MBC	Sterling Heights, MI	\$100.00
Beulah BC	Lithia, FL	\$25.00
Calvary MBC	Three Rivers, MI	\$100.00
Cleveland MBC 2cks	Cleveland, TX	\$300.00
Concord MBC	Omaha, TX	\$200.00
County Line MBC	Timpson, Tx	\$45.00
Eastside BC	Broken Bow, Ok	\$50.00
Eastside BC	Jacksonville, TX	\$56.50
Emmanuel MBC	Bogalusa, LA	\$250.00
Faith Baptist	N. Little Rock, AR	\$200.00
First BC	Ranson, WV	\$204.20
Florence St. BC	Broken Arrow, Ok	\$150.00
Golden Meadows BC	Garland, TX	\$100.00
Grandview, BC	Henderson, TX	\$100.00
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
Landmark MBC 2cks	Farmington, NM	\$125.94
Longbranch BC 2cks	Carthage, TX	\$450.00
Mac & Ruby Walls	Grand Rivers KY	\$100.00
Mt. Calvary 2 cks	Jackson, Mo	\$200.00
Nevills Chapel MBC	Mt. Pleasant, TX	\$372.90
Nevills Chapel MBC		\$500.00
New Shady Grove BC	Carthage, TX	\$195.50
Pinehaven BC	Pensacola, FL	\$49.70
Piney Grove BC	Somerset, KY	\$150.00
Rocky Branch MBC	Naples, Tx	\$125.00
Skyline MBC	Madison, AL	\$180.00
Walnut St. BC	Hillsboro, Tx	\$310.00
White Oak BC	Nancy, Ky	\$850.00
Westwood MBC 2cks	Winter Haven Fl	\$200.00



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We were blessed to have a
part in the celebration of
Templo Bautista's 42nd
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Total Expenses for the month of March

- Transportation Expenses
 - Auto Expenses
 - Parking Garage = \$57.07
 - Gasoline for car = \$13.55
 - Taxi = \$3.79
 - Bus = \$3.22
- Housing Expenses = \$290.78
- Miscellaneous Expenses
 - Life Insurance = \$79.29
 - Samaritans = \$682
 - Phone/Internet = \$67.45
 - Office Rental = \$38.46
 - Printing and supplies = \$25.09
 - Bibles = \$31.04 month



Recognition of March Birthdays at Templo Bautista



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