

Update from Bob & Karen Depue Our Missionaries to Argentina

**"FOR GOD DID NOT SEND HIS SON INTO THE WORLD
TO CONDEMN THE WORLD, BUT THAT THE WORLD
THROUGH HIM MIGHT BE SAVED."**

John 3:17

Dear Friends,

Thank you for faithfully standing beside us in prayer. The Lord knows you are concerned for us; and He comforts our hearts whenever we feel overwhelmed with the responsibility of the ministry here in Goya. Recently one of our supporting churches graciously offered to fly us back to the USA for their annual mission's conference next month. What a blessing and opportunity that would have been! Unfortunately we are not able to travel right now, having no one to take over the ministry in our absence. This situation concerns us, especially when we consider our future here over the next few years. Please pray for wisdom and clear direction from the Lord.

The Lord has given us several opportunities to share the gospel this week. Bob met with Raul on Tuesday morning to help him clean up his back patio and read the Bible with him. It saddens us that Raul's "blindness" is not only physical, but also spiritual. He lives by himself, therefore he can't see the rubbish building up in his own backyard. The blindness of his heart has led him down an even darker path of filthy habits and painful addictions. It is a very challenging situation for us. Please pray for Raul to listen with his heart and recognize his need for the Savior's cleansing and transformation.

Maxi and Erica are busy getting their personal documents ready to be able to get married this coming Monday before the official public registrar in Goya. (A civil ceremony is a requirement to be legally married in Argentina.) This week we took Maxi and Erica to his mother's house to pick up his birth certificate. Isabel lives with the rest of her family on a small tomato farm on the outskirts of Goya. When we first met her last year she seemed a little skeptical and suspicious of us when we started to explain our ministry. Although she is very "religious" in her beliefs and practices, she has no knowledge of the Bible. Maxi has apparently tried to talk to his mom about some of the things he has been

learning in our Bible studies; but, he came to the conclusion that she is not at all interested in hearing the Word. During our visit with her this past week, we sat and talked for a while about her family, her tomato crop, her dogs and pet chickens constantly circling our chairs, etc. When Maxi finally asked her about the location of his birth certificate, Isabel blurted out that it was in the house on top of a "Bible" she had just purchased from a door-to-door salesman. We were all shocked. Maxi was absolutely astonished when she told him to go get the Bible for us to see. It is an enormous, hardcover "family" version, full of colorful pictures, empty pages for family history, and a lot of other nonessential material; but the text of the actual Scriptures is clearly printed in bold letters. Isabel told us she had asked someone from her "religion" to tell her how to read it. That person didn't have a clue, so she decided to ask us. What an opportunity the Lord gave us to be able to open the Bible with her. We marked the book of John as a place to start reading. Bob shared John 3:16-18 with her, emphasizing that salvation is by faith alone in Christ's sacrifice on the cross. Please pray for Isabel to have understanding and conviction as she reads God's word.

Please:

- ✳ Pray for us to grow in our own walk with the Lord and trust Him for the future of the ministry in Goya.
- ✳ Pray for us to have compassion and boldness to share the gospel with those around us.
- ✳ Pray for the salvation of unsaved contacts.
- ✳ Pray for the spiritual growth of professing believers.
- ✳ Pray for more laborers to join us in this area of Argentina.

God Bless You!

Bob and Karen Depue