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Argentina Advancing

A record number of people came for the Argentina-Uruguay annual meeting. Bruce Bennett from South Africa taught on principles of Community Church Planting, with Delia translating. The training was very well received - it really clicked! There were some spiritually electric moments when one could almost see the paradigm shifting in people's heads and hearts.



The Carmen the Areco Church offered wonderful hospitality to the entire group. After the host church, Durazno, Uruguay had the largest delegation. 15 people paid their way and travelled 16 hours by bus each way to get to the annual meeting. Several had never left their country before. They all ate up the teaching - as well as the worship and fellowship and left with a new vision to find the person of peace that God has prepared and start new groups. Since returning home several of them have started new home groups.



Four ministerial candidates - two pastoral couples -- were ordained elder. As part of their training and preparation for ordination each couple has planted a church. In fact, Gustavo and Veronica (below 2nd and 4th from right) have planted three churches with a total of 450 members!



Tina Chang, one of our prayer partners who was on the trip, had this experience: "When we walked into a restaurant in Carmen de Areco to order some chicken, the owners were very curious about us. When we said we were with the Free

Methodist Church, they exclaimed, 'Oh, that's the church that transformed street kids from little plagues to new creatures.' Those street kids are now worship leaders and aspiring pastors."



Praise God for what he is doing in Argentina. Pray for the harvest that is to come as they continue to love people into the Kingdom.

Delia & Paul

Prayer Report

A long time member of our prayer team, Dr. Tina Chang, went with us to Argentina and Paraguay. This was her observation:

"One of the absolute best parts of this trip as a member of the prayer team has been seeing how powerfully God is using Delia and Paul in Latin America. Although they have shared with our prayer team how complex and varied and multi-dimensional the work is, I now have witnessed it first hand. It is all that and more! And all this while dealing with jet lag, food poisoning, 100-degree heat, and the rigors of travel. I am re-invigorated in the work of prayer for what God wants to continue doing in and through them!"

Sabbatical

We are on sabbatical April through June. The agenda includes rest, family time, professional enrichment, prayer and planning, study and preparation for the next round of preaching and teaching. Please pray:

- for renewal and refocusing
- that the Latin America Area will move ahead without us and without drama
- that leaders will reach out to and care for each other
- for annual conference meetings in Puerto Rico and the V country chaired by their respective superintendent