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Dear Ones,

We are enjoying a wonderful Spring day. It has taken awhile to get here, but I think it has made it. I so appreciate your prayers and participation in the ministry here. There is a lot to tell you about.

The ladies retreat in October went great. There were about 68 ladies there. It was amazing to see how attentive and responsive they were to the Word. Several commented afterwards the desire to continue growing in these areas and the desire to communicate the Truth to others.

The ladies' meetings in Tala continue monthly now with different ones attending. But there has been one lady that has made it to each meeting, Olga. She clearly has a desire to understand the Word, and has commented on how she is reading it daily. Pray that she would soon come to know the Lord. We also had a ladies meeting here in San Jacinto, our first. I had invited about 20 ladies to come, and one made it. While we would have loved to have more come we were very thankful for Rosana, yes, the one I ask you to pray for. She was very determined to make it, even telling another engagement that she could not get there until later since she already had this commitment. She listened very attentive, commenting on how she wanted to think more about what she heard. I have gone back several times to see her since then, but have not found her home. She doesn't have a phone. Pray with me that I would be able to meet with her and we could start a more consistent Bible Study together.

My English classes at school continue to go well. We have learned greetings, and colors, and numbers, and the ABC's and ... just lots of other things but my heart's desire is to be able to teach them the wonderful story of Salvation in Jesus Christ. I often have kids stop me in the street to greet me and introduce me to their mom or dad. Please pray with me that these encounters would grow into redemptive relationships.

I have asked you often to pray for my neighbors Daniel, Stela and their 25 year old daughter Estefani. Stela had cancer last year which had gone into remission. Two weeks ago they had discovered it was back. On Friday I had talked to Daniel and she was in the hospital. I stopped by their house 3 or 4 times over the weekend to see how she was and never found anyone at home. Finally I called his cell on Tuesday. She had passed away Monday night. It came as a complete shock, I knew she was in the hospital, but never imagined it was that bad. 2 weeks since they found out the cancer was back!! I could not help but think how fragile life is. How important it is to be sure we are prepared for Eternity, believing in the Finished work of Christ on the Cross. How important it is to live and share Christ with those around us that are just a moment away from Eternity. Please pray for Daniel and Estefani. I can't even imagine their sense of loss, especially knowing that they do not have the Savior.

A lot of things coming up in the next few weeks: One is the first graduation of the Uruguay College of Biblical Studies (FEBU). We are excited about the 5 that are finishing up their studies; three have specific plans as far as where they understand that the Lord is leading them and the other two are waiting on His directions. Praise God with us for His guidance and undertaking to make this possible.

I continue to work with Aptas Para Servir (Ladies Able to Serve). Right now I have Mentoring for Leadership with two ladies: Silvia in Italy and Natalia in Argentina. One of the ladies I will be continuing with is Virginia. She just had their fourth child so she is on hold for now. I am looking forward to and

praying about some other specific things. At times I feel like I really do not have time, but I come back to God's clear leading for me to be intentionally investing in training others. Pray with me that I would clearly know His leading.

One last thing... as you know Christmas is fast approaching; lots of opportunities to share the Gospel during these days. Pray for wisdom and boldness and joy in sharing the Eternal Wonder of Christmas!

It is indeed a joy to serve with you!

Belinda

P.S. As I mentioned in my last letter, using an app called "Whatsapp" I have started a daily prayer group where I send out a request daily for prayer. If you have a "smart phone" and would like to receive the requests please send me your cell number and I will invite you to the group. You will have to download the app and let me know when you have done so. It would be great to include you.