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Dear Ones,

Wow, time has flown. Autumn is here. School has started. Things are falling into place after the many Summer activities. Thank you so much for your prayers. The Lord has answered in lots of different ways.

FEBU (College of Biblical Studies) started a couple of weeks ago. I have 7 ladies in my Women in Ministries class; open and desirous to learn. In the goal to make it as practical as possible we will be having 5 different panels over the semester. Missionary and pastor's wives will be coming to give us their input on ministry and its different aspects. There are 15 to 20 students full and part time. Pray for them in this time of learning and training. April 12 to 14 I will be going with a group of them on a "mission's trip" to Melo, a town in the interior (about 5 hours from Montevideo). Pray with us that this will be a time for the students to see the need in the interior of Uruguay and to be challenged.

Next week I start teaching English at the public school after having the Summer off. Pray for continued contact and opportunities to share the Gospel with teachers, staff, parents and kids.

In my last letter I mentioned several ladies with whom I have been having Bible Studies. Right now, there are just two, Mariela and Eugenia. It is great to see their growth and desire to reach out to others. Maria and Rosario have both moved. The idea is to continue via the internet, but that has not worked out yet. And the last one I mentioned is Marcela. She has started attending church at the same time we were studying together. Although we are not sure she has truly believed it is good to see her attending and seeking to understand. She lives in San Ramon. Pray for her salvation and her husband Marcelo's.

I had asked you to pray too for Teresita. Her husband continues in the hospital; almost 9 months now. He continues totally unresponsive due a loss of blood and oxygen to the brain. Teresita travels into Montevideo almost everyday to spend the day with him. I have continued to visit her, and we have had opportunities to read the Word together. I gave her a New Testament which she has told me she is reading. Would you pray with me that this tragedy would result in her salvation, her daughter Natalia's and her son in law's.

Nancy, my next-door neighbor continues to come to our kids' Bible club and the other day went to a ladies' meeting in Tala. I am so thankful she is hearing the Word. There were 4 other ladies at that meeting who do not know the Lord. One especially, Lucy, seems to be searching. Lucy and her husband, Alberto, seem to be very key people in the area there. Won't you pray specifically for salvation of these men and women both in San Jacinto and Tala. How we desire for the Lord to bring these folks to Himself and establish His church in this very needy area.

Elvio had been reading the Gospel of John on his own. One day he showed up at church in San Ramon and has come faithfully since then. Although there is still not evidence of salvation, we are trusting God to use His Word.

We continue with the kids' Bible clubs in each town. It is an encouragement to see them coming and learning. But also, this has given us an open door to many homes. Pray for grace and wisdom as we reach out to them.

As you know until we get meetings going here, I have been attending a little church about a half hour away, Monte Hebron Church. For many years we have been praying for several unsaved husbands there. In the last two or three months 2 of them, Carlos and Julio have started coming to church and are showing evidence of knowing the Lord. There is such a sweet, sweet spirit in the church and a real burden to serve and reach out to others. We are thankful and looking forward to what the Lord is going to continue to do there. Please pray for the national Pastor Adrian and his wife Virginia. In the last few days it was discovered that Virginia has a tumor on her kidney and needs surgery. Since she is in the public health system things are just slow. Please pray for wisdom, direction and the Lord's timing for the operation.

Thank you so much for your continued prayers, love and support. The Lord is good in allowing us to serve together.

All my love,
Belinda