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Dear Ones,

Greetings from San Jacinto, Uruguay! How good it is to enjoy the Lord's presence in the midst of different kinds of struggles and confusion. He has been and will continue to work all out for His Glory and our good.

COVID- 19 continues to be a very real problem as the virus continues to spread here. Because of that things are certainly not back to normal. Many folks are leery and frightened, masks are required in most public places, meetings have their requirements, and many more things as many of you are experiencing as well. But the Lord and His blessings continue to be very real.

The Lord has continued to work in Monte Hebron, the little church I attend. We have continued to meet on Zoom, but some are meeting together in homes and going onto Zoom for the service. Pray with us that soon we will be meeting all together. What a blessing it has been to see the church family reaching out to others, both to the unsaved and to one another.

We have decided to also have our annual ladies retreat in March via Zoom. It for sure will be different, but it looks like it will work. Pray with us as we work on the details. I will be teaching one of the 3 classes and we will also have two workshops. It is good to see ladies from several different churches working together to make this possible.

Thanks for your continued prayers for the Bible College (FEBU). All the professors are also involved in ministries in local churches and church plants, so, your prayers are greatly appreciated as we prepare for the coming semester that begins in March. Please pray too for our present students as they return and for the enrollment of others. It is a blessing to see our students going out into the ministry. Maria, who graduated in 2019 is serving with other missionaries in church planting in Carmelo, a town in the interior. That is the idea, see the ministry advance through the training of His servants.

Some of you may be wondering what ever happened to "Aptas para Server" (Ladies able to Serve). What a blessing to continue to serve in teaching and training ladies. The Romans' classes have continued, clearly showing growth in the 20 plus ladies participating. Virginia, Pastor Adrian's wife told me a few weeks ago that she was ready to start Mentoring for Leadership again. We had to put it on hold when her last baby was born, and then her health problems worsened. Praise the Lord, she is doing good health wise and the kids are a little bigger. So, we started up again 2 weeks ago. Thank you for praying as I consider other possibilities with Aptas.

Now, what is happening along route 7? We are thankful for the salvation and evident growth of both Nancy and Eugenia here in San Jacinto. Please pray as they reach out to family and friends around them. We are thankful that we have been able to start the Friday night biweekly classes here again.

Kari, my coworker, has started to study the Word with Rosana, a lady in Tala. We have been able to start up the kids' Bible clubs in San Jacinto and in Tala. It has not worked out in San Ramon however we have continued the meetings via zoom with the adults and visiting the kids and their families in their homes. Please pray for the salvation of these dear folks and continued outreach into the different towns.

One last thing... We are thankful and excited that two of our MK's (missionary kids) have joined BMW and are presently raising support to return to Uruguay, Lord willing this year. Would you pray for David Hock, soon to marry Silvia and for his brother Timothy Hock? We are looking forward to having them with us.

Thank you again for your love, prayers, and support. You truly are a vital part of the ministry in Uruguay!

With rest and confidence in our Risen Lord,

Belinda