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URUGUAY

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Dear Ones,

Greetings from Uruguay. Happy Thanksgiving! What a wonderful, giving God we have. It truly is amazing to stop and think about all He has given. I am sure we do not even realize half of it!

We are enjoying a lovely Spring Day. I love seeing the new plants coming up along with the varied flowers. I have two tomato plants coming along nicely. Fresh tomatoes will be a treat.

I have appreciated your prayers over the last couple of months. You prayed for the post abortion seminar that I participated in. Thank you. There were about 25 folks there showing a desire to learn and to reach out to this very real need in Uruguay.

The Ping Pong tournament went well. Please continue to pray specifically for the contacts being made through this sport.

You also prayed for our annual mission's conference of the missionaries from Uruguay and Argentina. What a sweet time of fellowship with coworkers from these two countries, some of which we have ministered with for over 40 years.

I have a Bible Study with Virginia this afternoon (Benjamin's mom). She has changed jobs again. This one makes it easier to schedule weekly meetings. Pray for her salvation. The Lord is the One who brings conviction of sin and the need for righteousness. Your part (and mine) in prayer is vital, not only for her and Benja, but for the many others both you and I are seeking to reach. Thanks so much.

Christmas is just around the corner. Lots and lots of activities as we come to the end of the year. Pray with us that we will be wise in knowing how to make each one beneficial both for the outreach of the Gospel and the growth of believers.

We are in the last couple of weeks at the Bible College (FEBU). Graduation is Nov. 30. While many study and take individual classes, we have just one this year that will be finishing the 4-year curriculums. Josue is from Argentina but grew up in Paraguay. He has a desire to serve. Pray for him as God continues to direct his life. May God raise up many more like him willing to prepare and serve. I will be teaching Pedagogy (teaching how to teach) at FEBU next semester. I want to use the next few months to renew my notes in preparation for that class.

One last thing before I close. Many over the last few years have asked when I will retire. Well, the decision is finally made. Not an easy one to make. Come January, Uruguay will have been my home for 45 years. A long time. But I know the Lord would have me return to the States and serve from there. So right now, the idea is to move back to the States around the middle of 2027. I plan to visit the States for my last furlough the middle of 2025 for 6 weeks to two months before returning to Uruguay for the remaining time. Please pray with me for the many decisions and details that must be taken care of for all of this to come about both materially (housing, etc.) but especially in my ministry.

Many of you have prayed for my ministry and given financially over these many years. And for that I thank you.

May the Lord bless and use you where you are,

Belinda