

Thorntons 2 Argentina

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Dear Prayer Partners,

Psalm 56:3-4 "What time I am afraid, I will trust in thee. In God I will praise his word, in God I have put my trust; I will not fear what flesh can do unto me."

On Thursday March 19th, another missionary and I were on route to the capital for exchange. It is normally an 8–9 hour trip. On our way back, the President here announced that the entire country was going into quarantine starting at midnight that night (only a few hours away), and would continue that way until April 1st. We were so thankful to get home safely. For us this meant to stay home unless you needed food or pharmacy, and shop only in your neighborhood. Anyone caught further away would be arrested and their car impounded. Only essential jobs would continue: food, trucking, police, hospitals, etc., and all other business needed to be closed or face being shut down and fined. Well, people have been arrested, cars impounded and businesses shut down with large fines to be paid. Yet, praise the Lord it was mostly a very quiet, peaceful time.



BUT: On March 30th, the quarantine was extended until April 13th. That was 3 days ago and already there is some looting in different parts of the country. People could not prepare for this time, and are antsy and nervous. Please pray the unrest will not grow and become dangerous.

We have been putting our messages on Facebook and WhatsApp so our people can continue to be taught the Word of God. Praise the Lord for social media! After each message, we hold a time of discussion on our church WhatsApp list, so anyone can comment or ask about the message and give prayer requests. WhatsApp has been a real blessing in allowing us to keep in contact with everyone: there is always something to praise God for.

We know you are going through similar things in the USA and we have been praying for you as well. May our God be glorified through all this. I keep telling our folks: *"These things are just taking us closer to the coming of our Lord and we should look up because our redemption is nigh."* May we be light in these dark times so that others can come to know our Lord as their Saviour. God bless you and THANK YOU for your prayer support.

Steve & Pam

Psalm 62:5-8 "My soul, wait thou only upon God; for my expectation is from him. He only is my rock and my salvation: he is my defence; I shall not be moved. In God is my salvation and my glory: the rock of my strength, and my refuge, is in God. Trust in him at all times; ye people, pour out your heart before him: God is a refuge for us. Selah."