



Thorntons

~ Rosario, Argentina ~

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Dear Pastor and Friends:

In ministry – as in all other areas- there are good times, and bad ones; fun ones, and difficult ones; rewarding times, and unpleasant ones. This summer has been a combination of both good and bad times.

On the rewarding side, Ailén was baptized this past month, and has joined our membership. She is again doing her discipleship lessons, and showing a desire to grow. Of course, that is always encouraging! It is hard for her since she is a single mom, and lives at home with her family. We would appreciate prayers for her, for spiritual growth, and for wisdom. She wants to go back and finish high school when school starts this week, and that will be challenging.



That same week, our pastoral trainee abandoned the work, and became engaged to someone of another doctrine. It has been very unpleasant trying to explain to the basically new-convert congregation why he quit. There is still fallout, and the enemy is wanting to get an upper hand. We would appreciate your prayers for God's blessing and protection on the work. *We* know the pruning will bring growth, but *they* only see the setback.

School classes are slated to begin tomorrow – in classroom- but there is already talk of returning to only the virtual homework, and each student attending school only a few days a month, on rotation, to have any doubts explained to them. As they lost all of last year, there isn't really anything to build on unless they have classes. Our church kids need prayer!

It has been over a year now since we had an old-fashioned "normal, do what you need to do" type of freedom. We are currently able to have services as long as protocol and distancing are maintained, and all wear masks. We are thankful for that freedom, and are praying it won't be taken away again.

Thank you for standing with us each season! God bless you.

Steve and Pam