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Dear Prayer Partners,

🌿 As we celebrate our Lord's birth, I was thinking how different Christmas time is here, so I wanted to give you a little glimpse into Christmas Argentina style.

🌿 The main day is December the 24th: that is when family and friends will get together. They will usually get together around 5pm and then eat dinner around 10pm, then open gifts after they watch the fireworks at midnight.

🌿 It will be in the 90's because it is summer time here. No snow and NO FIREPLACE going. Everyone will have the fans and air conditioners going full blast to try to stay cool.

🌿 After dessert (after 1am) there will be lots of visiting and chatting till bedtime, 3-5 am of the 25th. That means that most will not get up until noon Christmas day! There will not be as many getting together on the 25th, and no large meals. It's a rest day, mostly.

🌿 In just the past 10 years Christmas trees and lights have started becoming more popular. Not much on the outside of the houses, but on the inside. Most of the trees are smaller (2-4 feet). Everyone decorates December 8th.

🌿 There is little holiday music here, and the people really do not even know much about Christmas music like we do in the USA. Though we know and sing the Christmas hymns at church, you don't have that music playing in public places.

🌿 May God bless each and everyone one of you during this special time of the year and remember: **Jesus is the reason for the season.**

From our home to yours: *¡Feliz Navidad!*

Steve & Pam

