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Missionaries to Argentina

Reaching the lost by Training the found

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Each of you should use **whatever gift you have received** to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. 1 Peter 4:10

“Do not conform to the pattern of this world but **be transformed** by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing, and perfect will.”
Romans 12:2

The body of Christ is composed of individuals who **each have a specific role** to fulfill in advancing God's Kingdom and building up the church. Gathering for *koinonia* (fellowship) and worship helps us to stay connected to God and to one another and equips us to live out our faith in the world. **When we all use our unique gifts**, we develop spiritual maturity, we fulfill our individual and collective callings in the completion of the Great Commission, and most of all, we bring glory to God.

Now more than ever, it's crucial to **encourage one another** to resist conforming to today's individualistic and consumeristic culture, instead, practicing the spiritual discipline of gathering and serving others is essential. To ensure the health and growth of the Church, we must raise a generation of Christians **who see themselves as providers of ministry rather than just consumers**.

In our ministerial practice, we are working to create opportunities for every member of the body of Christ to use their unique gifts while coming together for fellowship and worship. This past month we welcomed new board members to work with us at expanding university ministry in Argentina. They bring diversity to the team through their unique roles and perspectives. Enrique Boillat is a pastor and presbyter; Hernan Pasini and his wife Soledad are entrepreneurs and have been involved in our ministry for the past 20 years; Pablo Lopez and his wife Belen are system engineers for a university. Their giftings and perspective on student life will help promote the vision of reaching and equipping students through the local church throughout the country. Please pray for our new board members.



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PRAYING OVER OUR NEW UNIVERSITY
MINISTRY BOARD IN ARGENTINA.**

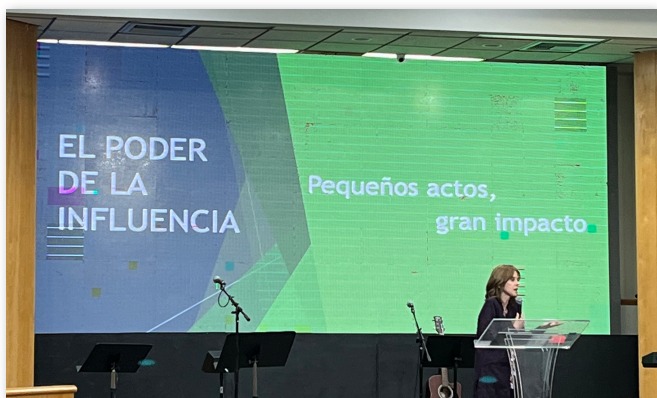
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To increase the impact of our efforts to reach the lost, we are spending time in the States to cultivate stronger partnerships. By partnering with others, we can combine our strengths, resources, and abilities toward a shared goal of spreading the Gospel to as many people as possible.

During our itineration, Virginia and I are visiting ministry partners and ministering in different churches. Despite the hard work, we appreciate this chance to engage with diverse members of our churches, encouraging them to find their place in fulfilling the Great Commission. We are encouraging others to recognize their influence and understand how even **small actions can make a significant impact**

Please keep praying for us as we share our passion for ***training the found to reach the lost***. We're hopeful that more ministry partners will join us in this vital work. **Our current budget need is \$1150 in monthly support.**

We would be grateful if you could pray for us as we minister in various churches. Please pray that we will have the wisdom, strength, and anointing needed to carry out this important work. Our deepest desire is to see countless lives transformed through our efforts, and we hope that you will join us in praying towards this end. ***Thank you for your support and partnership.***

We go, you send...so all can hear,

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