

## Argentina Mission Trip



Left to Right: Pastors Ismael Pérez, Carlos Tellez, Ángel Peña

March 1-10, 2024, I had the opportunity to lead a mission trip to Iglesia Cristo Vive (Christ Lives Church) in Buenos Aires, Argentina. Our team of teachers consisted of Bolivian pastors Ismael Perez and Ángel Peña and me. We taught the book of Galatians.

Some young people were saved, and many others got clarity on the gospel and how to live the Christian life by faith alone in the freedom Christ has given us through His grace. Please pray for this mission field as the believers in Argentina grow spiritually in the Lord and reteach what we have taught them. Currently they are teaching through "Romans 1-8" and "Making Disciple Makers." Also, pray for them as they are passing through many economic struggles due to the hyperinflation of the country. Thank you for your prayers and financial support. These were essential for this trip and very much appreciated. *Carlos Tellez*



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### Following are some takeaways from conference attendees:

"I learned to see myself where I was: I was lost but now I am saved." - **Joel**

"Grace and faith were emphasized. I learned one can easily depart from the true gospel to a false gospel. What impacted me most was that grace is not earned; it is a gift from God, who is Jesus Christ." - **Sonia**

"Something that impacted me and changed my way of living was the gospel - understanding the difference between law and grace, that I am saved by the pure grace and mercy of God only by faith alone in Christ Jesus, not by works. Before I lived condemning myself for not keeping my own promises (laws), but now I know that I live by grace, resting in Christ Jesus, as it says in Galatians 2:20." - **Romina**

"I learned that we are now righteous before God by grace, that now we can walk by the Spirit who generates an attitude of true love in our lives." - **Alberto**

"I was struck by the biblical argument for salvation, that the Lord died for our past, present and future sins. Now I am 100% clean." - **Anonymous**

"I learned a lot about the Holy Spirit and that I was sealed with Him from the moment I trusted in Christ." - **Riena**

"I learned about the security of my salvation. It was something I didn't have for certain in my life. I thought if I did something wrong, I would lose my salvation." - **Cintya**

"Sometimes I am legalistic with myself and blame myself for not always being steadfast in my Christian walk. In this study I learned that in Christ believers are dead to "the flesh with its passions and desires." We must remember and believe who we already are in Christ. That was a great blessing for my life these days." - **Alison**



### God's work in Argentina - Pastor Ismael Pérez

I thank God for brother Carlos Tellez's invitation and help that made it possible for me to be part of this trip once again. And I give infinite thanks to God for His salvation and grace in giving me the great privilege of being His servant.

It was a great joy to return to Argentina this year. We had already taught Romans 1-8 and the DM2 discipleship manual at this church, so this time we taught Galatians. There was good participation. Many young people came with a great desire to study the word of God.

On this trip, we took the challenge of including some of the brothers from the church in the teaching. Since they had been through the gospel section of the curriculum the year before, we asked them if they could come



to the church where we were staying in the morning to review the material with us so they could teach it in the evening meetings. They did more than just come in the morning! We were up till 2am answering their questions and preparing them with many suggestions and examples they could use in their teaching.

Almost all of these were young men. In the evenings when they taught, God's power was evident. At the end, the church not only heartily applauded, but many wiped away tears. They were amazed to see their own young men teach with such passion. The pastor himself was very impressed by how effectively these young inexperienced men taught the word of God. The truth is their messages were as clear as could possibly be. No one could deny the power of God working in them.



Recently, the pastor wrote me that together with this group of young men they are now training others in the church to teach.

Once again, we were made aware that this is God's work and that He is pleased when we trust in His plans and in His method (teaching faithful people to teach others according to 2 Timothy 2:2). Let us pray for this work of God in the church "Christ Lives.

### ***An Unforgettable Experience in Argentina - Pastor Ángel Peña***

Leaving from Bolivia with Pastor Ismael Pérez and then meeting Pastor Carlos Tellez in Buenos Aires, Argentina was an unforgettable experience. I will share three things I took away from this missionary trip.

First: I believe I was the one edified by sharing with these servants the wonderful letter to the Galatians. I will always be grateful for this opportunity. Not only did all three of us teachers have the same vision, but we also had the same message of the gospel of the grace of God. Eating together, learning from each other, and transmitting confidence at every moment was beautiful.

Second: The response of the brothers and sisters to the teaching of the word remains in my mind: seeing them arrive punctually and being attentive to all the teaching, both young people, children, and adults; and sharing with us every snack and conversation was amazing. It was marvelous to be able to share with them the gospel, the most wonderful work in the world.

Third: Most importantly, I witnessed faithful men teaching the notes as if they already had experience in teaching. We spent time preparing the brothers who were going to teach in the evenings. Pastor Victor began teaching the notes, then three young people shared the word with the entire church. The church was amazed watching their own young people teach the word of God.



The hospitality and generosity of the church was a simply unforgettable experience. I could spend a lot of time talking about the wonders of our God in the Cristo Vive Church in Argentina, but I wanted to just share this small testimony. It will always be a privilege to share the notes of our dear brother Bret. Thank you, brother, for having the patience to teach me the word of God, and in that way take the message of the gospel to Argentina.

### **Prayer Needs:**

- Pray for Brad Rigby and Drew Smith as they prepare to teach Galatians in Cameroon July 1-5. Pray for all the logistics and for people's hearts to be prepared to receive the word.
- Pray for Bret Nazworth and Larry Depue as they lead a young adult 3DTC team to Zambia to teach Romans 1-8 to Zambian young adults July 8-12.
- Pray for multiple youth workshops in the USA May 31-June 30. Pray for both the women's team and men's teams, for preparation, boldness, clarity, and safety in travels.
- Pray for the Women in the Word conference in Tennessee in August.
- Pray for Rachel Musser and Amber Walker as they have multiple women's conferences and children's ministries planned for June through August in Bolivia, Brazil, French Polynesia, and Tennessee, USA.



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