
From: David Greenman [mailto:greenmanenator@gmail.com]
Sent: Saturday, March 20, 2010 6:30 PM
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Subject: Fwd: Our trip north. We thought you would enjoy reading this and....could you pray for the Hollingsworths, our newest missionaries on the field?

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From: **John_Carol Hollingsworth** <jcholling@msn.com>
Date: Sat, Mar 20, 2010 at 4:34 PM
Subject: Our trip north
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Hello Friends,

I wanted to let you know about a little outing Carol and I took earlier this week.

One of the early objectives of our transition here in Argentina is to get the field-wide perspective of the ministries in this region. So our field directors, David and Nancy Greenman, invited Carol and I to head to the subtropical region of the Ramal, northeast of the field center here in Salta. Dave planned the trip and we left the kids here at Cerrillos with Barb Bentley and headed to visit the wonderful folks in sugarcane country. Argentina is amazingly diverse geographically, and the area we visited has wonderful tropical fruit, including mango, banana and citrus fruit along with the heat and humidity that accompany such delicious produce. Also, it is one of the larger sugarcane producing areas of the world. This provides the area with much needed employment (they even have a paper mill which uses the cane remnants).

Our travels led us to several area Baptist churches that were planted by our mission in the 1940's and 50's. The people and the churches are as diverse as the country we traveled (see pictures below). The Ramal has many Guaraní Indians who came to the area to find work and homestead, along with folks of European and Bolivian descent. The churches ranged from the very poor (farmers and mill workers) to the more affluent (teachers, engineers, petroleum workers). What we found in common among the believers is they all love the Lord and the leaders are almost 100% bivocational. Also, the churches miss very much the missionaries who planted the churches and are hungry for encouragement, training and support. Since they do not have access or means to seminaries and Bible colleges, their resource is our WorldVenture team. We provide them opportunities for training, encouragement, edification and support through the Salta seminary, distance learning, camp ministry and retreat center here at Cerrillos. Along with these ministries to the Argentine believers we are seeing many come to the Lord through the camp ministry, a video ministry and occasional opportunities to preach in the churches.

As you can see, the task is great! After this first of three scouting missions I felt rather overwhelmed by the needs and opportunities (of course, once my language abilities are better communication will be easier). Please pray that God would give us wisdom and strength to be a support to the church here in Northwest Argentina. Your prayers and support are vital to our ministry here and we know that God is honored and glorified by our faithful partnership in the Gospel.

Love in Christ,

John, Carol, Rebekah, Anna, Rachel and Benjamin

