



The GRINSTEAD Family

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Dear Prayer Partners,

Detours and Delays

Since arriving back in Argentina on January 11th one of the best descriptions would be Detours and Delays. However, we are reminded that with God there is no such thing as a detour or delay; everything is right where He wants it, right on time. During the month of December, nearly a month before our return to Argentina our city of Bahia Blanca was hit with a devastating storm. Some called it a tornado because of the destruction but it was too far spread to be a tornado. We are told that wind speeds hit up to 124 miles per hour. We are thankful that very little damage was done to our house. Riding from the airport to our house was shocking. There truly were many detours from fallen trees and many delays. I have enclosed a picture of an uprooted tree, but I would encourage you to watch the short, attached video we took in one of the parks so that you can get a better idea. Similar scenes are found all over the city. Although there has been a lot of destruction due to the storm, on a more positive note, we have found that the church is doing very well, and we have had a good number of visitors in recent weeks. Some of them suffered great losses due to the storm, but their spirits are high, and they have even taught us a few things about trusting God and rejoicing in Him. Concerning our move to the city of General Roca, this too has faced delays due to some requirements from the government. However, as we mentioned above, there are no delays with God. He holds the timing of all things in His hands, and we can clearly see that there is a very import work for us here in the meanwhile. First, the missionary family (Merlo Family) that we have been working with here in the city of Bahia Blanca is currently back in the United States due to some health issues and this has left an urgent need for someone to fill the pulpit in their absence. We have all jumped back into this ministry at full speed and it has given me the opportunity to get back into preaching in Spanish right away.



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I can see how I need this time of practice after having been back in the States for a while. The church people are very patient with me and helpful with any words that I might struggle with. Their eagerness to listen to God's Word has been a big encouragement to me personally and I believe is giving me the needed boost that I will need to get me through the dry spell that we will probably face when we do move to General Roca and start a new church from scratch.

During the month of February, we were able to take a group of fifteen people from our church to a family camp with a couple of other churches from other cities. Our boys, Caleb and Joel invited their friend Felipe to go with us and he gladly accepted the invitation. You might remember us requesting prayer for Felipe in previous prayer letters. On Sunday afternoons we have been going and picking Felipe up and bringing him to our house for a couple of hours of fun with Caleb and Joel and then he goes with us to church. He has really enjoyed doing this and loved going to the family camp with us. During the month of July (winter in Argentina) we usually attend a youth conference in the province of Mendoza. In the past we had invited Felipe to go with us to the youth conference, but being such a long distance from here he never went. However, after attending family camp he reminded us about the conference in July and has told us several times that he wants to go this year.

I have attached a picture of Felipe with my family that we took when we arrived at the family camp. Please continue to keep Felipe in your prayers as God is working in his heart.

Next month we will start back having a kid's class before church that we call Ambassadors for Christ. Please pray for this kid's class and pray for a church lady named Flavia as she has taken the responsibility of heading up this class.

Also please keep us in your prayers as we seek God's guidance in the next step of moving to General Roca and planting a new church there. Pray that we will be able to complete the government requirements and that we will find a suitable house to rent.

Please pray for God's continued blessing on the church in Bahia Blanca as we fill in for Brother Merlo while they are in the States and please pray for their health issues.

Thank you for your faithful prayers and support.

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