

THE FIELD REPORT

DECEMBER 2011



Coming Events

Dec 6

End of Year Dinner
ABUA Córdoba

Dec 14-28

Family holidays in the
hills of Córdoba

Jan 7-15

ENCA- the ABUA
national training event.
Julie- workshop on
Christian Womanhood.
Martin- workshop on
Evangelism.

Jan 19-29

Martin at the IFES
Conosur Leadership
Conference in Uruguay.

Jan 21-23

Julie to spend some time
at the young adults camp
from our church.

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Tired but content...

On Tuesday 6 of December we have the end of year dinner for ABUA Córdoba- an asado of course, with lots of meat! We've made it to the end of the year very tired, but at the same time content with some of the opportunities God has given us this year...

just a few weeks ago Julie had a night at our place to talk about 'Relationships' with the 'languages' girls. E came along, having just broken up with her boyfriend. She is an irregular churchgoer but has a stack of questions which she has been asking at the Language group every week since.

last Friday Martin had an unusual group in the Law Faculty... the only two students who came along were 2 non-Christians! Marcos has been coming every week, often with the Bible passage already marked with questions.

Matias is from the province of Salta, in the north of Argentina. He has a Catholic background and started coming along to the group in Economics last year 'mainly just to meet some new people'. We have been having lunch together on Tuesdays and looking at the Bible together. He now says that he understands that salvation is by grace alone and is really keen to keep reading his Bible.



Small group in Medical Science and Psychology

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What's happening in Argentina?

we are still waiting for news on our Permanent Residency application

How high is inflation in Argentina? That's a good question. The government says it is less than 12% and hardly ever uses the word 'inflation'. Private economists put the figure between 23% and 28%.

Next year the kids will go back to school a week earlier (last week of February) in order to increase the number of school days. At the same time the government keeps increasing the number of public holidays...this year it was 18, which included two 'bridging holidays'. That is, up to twice per year, if a public holiday falls on a Tuesday or Thursday, then the Monday or Friday is also a public holiday! Even the Argentines get confused...we just had a public holiday and I'm sure at least 50% didn't know why!

Invaluable partnership

These opportunities with students are only possible because of your partnership with us here in Argentina. Your financial and personal support enables us to have the time available to invest in the lives of students like E, Marcos and Matias.

As the year comes to a close, we want to thank you for investing in the lives of Argentine students for eternity. And we want to ask you to consider becoming a regular monthly financial supporter if you are not already. Regular monthly support enables CMS to support us well- for example by being able to send through our living allowance on time. It is a great relief for us to have CMS managing the financial side of things- but they rely on people like you giving regularly and sacrificially.

Pretty soon you will probably receive a letter from CMS about the need for monthly financial support... we would love you to consider it prayerfully.

Check out www.cms.org.au for details.

On the family front...

The year has flown by after being split into two halves by our return to Australia. As I write Ellie is on her end of primary school trip to the Argentine coast. Next year we have two high schoolers!

Her move to high school has prompted us to re-evaluate the schooling options, and so next year Ellie, Charlotte and Jacob will all be starting at a new school which is bilingual- Spanish and Italian. It has a very good reputation as a school which encourages students to think, which is rare in the Argentine education system. Lachlan will stay at his current high school.

We all continue to enjoy our involvement at church...helping out with the young adults, Julie with a womens Bible study group, Martin in an adults group. We had a great time at the annual church weekend away in November.

You can check out some of the family happenings at thefieldsonthefield.blogspot.com or thefieldkidsinargentina.blogspot.com (from Ellie's angle)