

Jim Burnett, Paraná, E R. Argentina. 15th September 2020

“Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need” Heb. 4:16

Dear brethren and sisters in Christ

This is one of these times of need but what resources we have. What wealth we have too. I have been ministering to believers who are really struggling and have reminded them of Peter's ministry to folks living through crisis, uncertainty and huge losses. He immediately lifts their sights to the inheritance we have; and remains when everything else goes (1Pet. 1:4)

As in all the world, Assembly life has undergone great changes; most adapting to “Zoom” meetings which are filling a gap and satisfying present needs. Everybody longs to physically meet together but this still seems a way off yet. Consultations are many and commitments much more too, since no long hours of travel are involved. Quite recently I spoke in Orán 800 miles away for a long weekend. It was lovely to meet by Zoom with the Robertson family. I have made two “visits” to help the dear saints In Encarnación, Paraguay, where I have visited several times. The work has grown considerably there and the assembly is now building a simple but practical meeting place. Pictures looks a bit like Nehemiah chapter three with the women and children involved too.

Please pray for this weekend 18-20th. September; I will be returning to our roots in Argentina in Posadas for their Conferences; this time no 10 hour bus journeys each way are needed. However, I would gladly do it as nothing can replace the warmth and the wealth of the gatherings of the Lord's people and off the platform fellowship. So often we have proven that over a long weekend the biggest needs have been those met privately or with local elders.

In Paraná all meetings are held by Zoom. As with pre- COVID19 physical meetings our main concern is for those who cannot “connect” and more so, for some who don't or are inconsistent.

My grandson Ivan has a weekly two hour secular programme on a highly rated FM Radio. He was able to include his Dad, my son in law Heber, with a 5 minute spot in which he presents a hymn it's author and background story with a gospel application. The owner of the Radio was impressed by the quality of the programme and offered Heber a five minute spot at 9pm every night which will be paid for. It will be called “Yesterdays Hymns with Echoes of Eternity” He already has “Hymns and their Writers” by Jack Strahan. If you have some anecdote or story linked to a hymn you can be part of this 3 or 4 month programme. Please send any contributions to fionaburnett65@gmail.com . Above all pray for the translation, recordings and the audience..

Argentina has the longest quarantine in the world; 178 days today. Despite that cases are not decreasing. Yesterday Sunday saw the largest country wide demonstrations held pacifically by the middle and upper class in repudiation of political opportunism, the recent release of some 6000 big time crooks and delinquents, suggested changes to the Constitution; especially to the Judicial System which rather than be independent would be managed and judges named by the present government. It virtually means more corruption, and that government can control and manage everything.

On the family front we live close to the COVID19 Virus. My daughter Anne's husband Marcelo and her son Brian both work as Doctors in Rosario Hospitals. Some Doctors have succumbed to the virus; others have asked for leave because of psychological health issues; so they are working extra hours; are under pressure and exposure. Prayer for them and the family circle will be much appreciated.

My second great granddaughter Sofia arrived safely on 28th July. Although Yamila (Anne's daughter) and her husband Daniel live only an hour's drive away; due to restrictions on inter province travel I have not seen her physically yet. There is a big question mark against "when". More importantly, the whole family circle is in good health.

Please be assured of my appreciation for your fellowship in prayer.

Yours in our Glorified Lord

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