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Dear family in Christ,

The memories of snow, ice, slippery roads, traffic jams and sub zero temperatures are long gone, just a pigment in our imagination. After spending a couple days in Florida with my sister we arrived in Buenos Aires in the midst of an unusually hot summer day. We were able to dispatch some of our luggage by bus and on Monday afternoon we flew into Santiago del Estero. As we walked out of the airplane, we were wrapped up by the wonderful hug of a very hot and windy Santiago afternoon. By the time we got home we were soaking wet, but we were home, and what a delightful feeling to be home again. Our time in the US was wonderful and refreshing but there is "no place like home". Thank you for the prayers that got us home safely and with no hindrances, we got through migrations and customs without delays.

Another reason for joy and thankfulness is that our kids will not be losing the school year they spent in the US. School in Argentina goes from March through December and when we returned to Santiago the kids had completed only the first half of the school year in the US. Past experiences lead us to expect them to lose a year, some of the kids had even threatened that if they didn't get to go back to school with their classmates they wouldn't go to school! When we received the news that the kids would be put ahead we were quite surprised and thankful, it truly is a miracle. Some of the kids will have to take make up exams so we ask that you pray for them for the school year will require a lot of hard work on their part.

The first Sunday back we also rejoiced in being back at our church. It was wonderful to worship in Spanish and to see and visit with the brothers and sisters at Cabildo de Esperanza. I was up to midnight a couple nights with two of the leaders and it was an exciting experience to listen to how the year had gone and in spite of the difficulties, how they were excited at the potential we have. There are lots of activities and dreams and hopes! Pray with us for clarity and direction that the Lord will help us to work through all the plans and hopes and to straighten out some of the wrinkles.

This letter sounds old and in some ways it is, but the reality is that we still don't have a connection to the internet; I forgot that in this part of the world some times things take a little longer to get going. The other reason is that we have also been busy not only unpacking our home, which by the way was very well taken care of, but getting things ready for a three day church retreat. We are thankful that 50 people, grown ups, teen and children, were able to get away this last week end for a church retreat under the theme of "That They May Be One". After two weeks of unusual rain and cold weather, we were blessed with beautiful weather and had a wonderful time, lots of sharing, fun and laughter were the echo of a wonderful retreat.

We also showed a movie two nights in a row this last weekend for Easter. We had two beautiful nights and even though we didn't get as many people as we had hoped, the outdoor plaza once again was blessed and we had 6 adults accept Christ and ten children.

Prayer requests:

-For effective follow up on recent conversions.

-For strength and stamina as we adjust to new schedules and ministry.

-For a good adjustment by all as we change the Sunday service to the morning and start our Bible School, small groups, etc.

Thank you so much for your constant support. May God bless your lives and your ministries in a special way. In Him.

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