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Dear friends:

Once again we are marveled at the way God works things out. Sometimes we don't realize how much you are part of our ministry here in Argentina. Distance, business and little time spent together when in the US does take its toll, but the recent visit of a short term mission team from Gurnee, IL, has reminded us once again of how important you are. Thank you for your prayer and for your support, and once again we pray for your grace as we communicate with you.

It's with joy and anticipation that I left the airport in Buenos Aires on my way back to Santiago. 10 days of frenetic activity, children's VBS, different work projects, 15 wonderful and different people, so much accomplished in such a short time! A super cold winter and a lot of prayer, both for the team and from the people here, gave us ten days of wonderful sunny weather. Some of the guys ran around in shorts and t-shirts and everyone was asking us, where are they from!

With little short term experience Ana and I were a little worried about how things would turn out. We thank the Lord for his goodness because things worked out really well in spite of all the nuances of how things are run in this part of the world. When I talked about the sluggish delivery with the hardware store manager I also thanked him because while we waited two days for his merchandise to be delivered the church got painted! We are so thankful for the flexibility and the adaptability of the Immanuel team and for all that was accomplished in such a short time:

- The church was painted, inside and out
- A wonderful roof was added to the front of our church building
- Doors and windows were built for a small church in a very poor area of the city, the roof was closed in and some walls were finished.
- Children's VBS in three different locations
- 2 night Survivor youth event

The youth group has not only gained a new spirit of enthusiasm and expectation but has already doubled in attendance! Every Saturday night there is a new teen and what's more amazing is the people who are showing up to help! We recently had a meeting with those interested in helping out with the youth and we were able to establish three different work groups and organized activities for the rest of the year. Please pray for their conversion and for all the discipling that is needed.

But beyond all that was accomplished, beyond all that was done, beyond all the tiredness and weariness and beyond all the running around, the biggest impact of all was among the people, the friendships that were made, the laughter and the tears that were shared, the

time spent together, the good argentine food we ate and the worship time we enjoyed together. Immanuel, God with us, is what we shared and what we experienced in a wonderful and meaningful way.

Paul, Ana, Amy, Paul, Mark, Laura & Frodo (the dog who still doesn't realize he's a dog).

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- Pray for Jose Sanches (Yaya) who replaced us when we were home this last year. He has really grown and assumed a lot more participation and leadership in the church. He's giving a lot of his time to ministry but is struggling with a healthy balance of family, ministry and work.

-Pray for Sara who has decided to leave Bethel University and has returned to Argentina to study here.

-Pray that we have clarity as we need to decide if we will change Sunday service to the evening or whether to have a second service some other time. Not many youth come to the service in the AM and we are wondering if a different schedule would be more effective.

-Pray for Paul & Laura who are struggling a little with schooling.

-Pray for the parents of the new teens in church, we are planning an evangelistic supper on mother's day and want to invite their parents.

-Pray for two young men I'm discipling, Orlando and Pedro, who are struggling with addictions to alcohol and drugs, one of whom has lost his job and has been out of work for quite a while.

-Pray for Ana who is struggling with some health concerns, gall bladder and migraines.