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MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY

Dear Faithful Supporters:

Christmas is a wonderful opportunity to witness to family members. Don't miss this chance to share Christ with those who are lost, especially family members. It is a time of year when people think about the birth of Jesus. Ask God to give you a burden for your family, the courage to speak for Christ and the Scriptures that could make a difference in their life.

The work at Three Crosses Bible Baptist Church has gone well in the last two months. We started by putting paneling in the entrance room. The plaster on the wall was in bad shape. We put paneling one meter high all the way around the room and painted the walls. We moved out of our auditorium in order for the new roof and drop ceiling to be installed. We have been three weeks getting this done. We had our first church service in the newly roofed room the first Sunday of December. Now that church repairs are finished I will focus on getting the camp property ready for January camps.

We have a good group of young people at Three Crosses Bible Baptist Church. Two young men out of this group of young people have presented themselves for baptism. Brother Daniel Pais and his wife, Monica, teach this class. We would like to do much more with the young people but there are two problems. One is that most of the young people have high school classes on Saturday. The other is that Bro. Pais is taking classes in the University and he is very limited by his schedule. Pray for our young people that they could go to camp where we could minister to them in a special way.

On November 13 I performed the ceremony at the wedding of Isabel Irigoyen and Miguel Pais. Isabel was a widow whose husband was a pastor here in Uruguay. She has been in our church for several years and was living in our church building and did the cleaning. We will miss her and all the help she gave to the ministry in our church. Miguel was a widower also and is leading a church in the northern part of Montevideo.

Every other year we have Dr. Bill Smith come to Uruguay to give us a leadership training classes. He is always a blessing to the ministry and to us. We had classes in the evening and he preached in three different churches while he was here.

On Monday night one of the faithful men from another church, Luis Maidana, came to the services. The next morning while doing maintenance at his church school, he died of a heart attack. We had to postpone the Tuesday night classes and had his funeral on Wednesday morning. I have known Luis Maidana since we came to Uruguay in 1983. He was a blessing to the work here in Uruguay. He was married to Pastor Martin Kechichian's daughter, Elizabeth. I preached at the funeral home on Tuesday night to a very large crowd and then other pastors participated on Wednesday morning at his funeral.

I want to mention the work in Salinas. Brother Pablo Caggiano is in charge of this work and we have been helping since it's beginning in August of 2007. It was a very difficult start and only had some lower class children coming at the beginning. But gradually some adults have started coming and now there are more adults than children. There have been some people saved but some of the people were already saved but not attending church. The attendance varies from 12 to 20. Pray for this work as we will be selling property in another area in order to purchase property for this church in the coming year.

**Your fellow servants,
Jesse and Glenna Parnell**

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Prayer Requests:

- Youth and Children's Camps
- Christmas programs
- Projects for coming year: Sell of properties, Seminary, work at camp.
- Church in Salinas, Pastor Caggiano
- Strength for Glenna and me for the ministry

Praises:

- Roof work finished at Three Crosses
- Meetings with Dr. Smith were a blessing
- Young men who want to be baptized
- God's faithfulness to meet all our needs

GIVING

*God gave us His son!
What can we give to God?*

*There was a man,
Some called him mad;
The more he gave,
The more he had.*

John Bunyan