



Presentation of certificates for the Creation to New Creation course

This is completely and utterly the best season in Mendoza! Wisteria, jasmine and roses are all bursting into blossom, while the fruit trees are filled with miniature apricots, plums and figs. Everything smells wonderful and the days are getting longer. For full disclosure, (and so not to Instagram-coat our life here) you should also know that the cockroaches and mosquitoes are back with a vengeance. In the New Creation the only cockroaches will be perfected ones!

God's Big Picture – update

Thank you so much for praying for our Creation to New Creation course! We were so encouraged by the people that persevered to the end of the course. Francisco, our assistant pastor, did an amazing job, encouraging people to keep on going, write the essay and sit the exam. We are so pleased to share that five people from our church passed the course, and two more are just waiting for their results. This is amazing!!! Especially as two of the participants never even went to secondary school! We praise God for the way it has encouraged a desire to read the Bible that, for many, seemed a bit scary and hard to understand. Please pray that this newfound confidence would continue as we seek to grow together.

Mendoza Gospel Conference – update

In June we hosted our second Gospel Conference, for churches from Mendoza and beyond to think a bit more about evangelism. Thank you for your prayers. The church building problems were fixed sufficiently to host all the people who came: no one fell down the hole in the floor and the roof stayed up! It was an intense but wonderful couple of days and gave many people a much-needed boost, remembering how great the message of Jesus is and how it's really worth thinking about how to share this news with others.

Since then, we have rebooted our church small groups, renaming them 'Missional Communities' to encourage us to think more about reaching out and inviting people. We've been running evangelistic courses in Mark to help new and old rediscover what Jesus teaches about Himself in His own words. To quote a lady at church, 'we often just make up how we'd like Jesus to be, but actually it's quite different when you read what He says!'

God's design for marriage

While praying for our church at the beginning of the year, we saw that many of the new families coming have had little or no teaching on relationships, and so we invited a lovely couple from Cordoba to do a weekend 'retreat' for couples who wanted to think a bit more about God's design for marriage.

God's teaching is so radically countercultural right now, but there is so much goodness in his design.

Our prayer is that, as a church, we would continue to help people see more clearly how God calls them to live and that He would open hearts and give us grace to know Him better and walk more closely in His ways. Obviously, there will be difficult conversations and hard decisions along the way, so please do pray for wisdom, right timing and humble hearts.



A quiet moment in the marriage weekend

Avalanche of random news for prayer and praise!

- Tore and Emi, who are studying at CEP in Chile, have shared that they are expecting twin girls (Olivia and Amelia)!! Please do pray for everything that this news implies!
- We had a fabulous time with my sister and family during their visit.
- Emilio has started playing softball.
- Our cat, Malbec, got shot by an air rifle but, amazingly, is fine!
- We're heading off on our first family camping holiday in the delightfully named Tupungato next week.
- Andrew Towner, from Carlisle Diocese, is visiting Buenos Aires and the North at the beginning of November. Andrew is travelling to Buenos Aires to accompany him.
- Our church weekend away, with a team from Chile, is 8-10 November.
- We have a visit from the Crosslinks Mission Director, John McClernon, 20-24 November.
- We have a mini mission planned at the end of November, also with a team from Chile.
- Maia 'graduates' from primary school in December!
- End of term dance shows and end of year dinners will abound!

Many thanks for praying. Much love in Christ,
Andrew, Bethanie, Maia, Emilio, Lucy and Noah xxxxx

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