

Andrew & Bethanie Walker

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Ely and Fran's leaving party

The summer has flown by so fast. We had a lovely summer, enjoying the wonder that is Argentina on a camping trip in the South, on the annual youth camp and sharing with the many people who came to visit Mendoza for the holidays. Among other things, Andy decided to cross the Andes by foot, we took part in a goat festival and rescued Maia from a terrifying owl attack. (The whole story is worth hearing!)

Weeping with those who weep

It has been a summer tinged with sadness. Our CEP students, Emi and Tore, lost their twin girls, almost six months into the pregnancy. Our church family has been touched to the core, and it has been heart-breaking arriving at the due date for the little girls, wondering what could have been and asking why this couple have to walk this dark path. Please pray for us all as we continue to love and support Emi and Tore, and in their decision to remain in Mendoza this year and continue their studies online. Pray that the truth of the resurrection would give them hope in their grief.

Workers in the harvest field

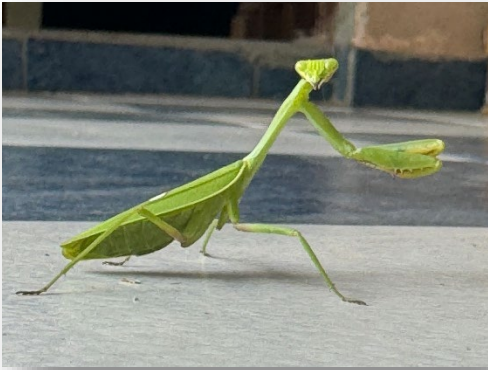
As you know, we pray daily for more workers to come and serve in Mendoza, but we also pray for more workers for Argentina as a whole. We have been so blessed to have **Elisa and Francisco** (Ely and Fran) with us for the last two years, but sadly, their time has come to an end and we have to say goodbye. To quote Tiny Tim (Muppet version) 'life is made of meetings and partings' and we will be very sad to see

them go. But our loss is Tucumán's gain, and

Elisa is really excited to be going back to her home city. We pray wholeheartedly that all they have learned here will be of tremendous value to them in the next few years. It is also a joy to see the fruit of our vision to see gospel workers being built up and sent out. Please pray for them spiritually and emotionally in the transition period, for grace in all the upheaval and in the task of revitalisation which stands before them.



Planning the new church year with the pastoral teams



A summer friend

Third Gospel Conference: 2-4 May 2025

We are really thrilled to be preparing for our third gospel conference, an event that has slowly been growing in momentum and reach! This year, we are really happy to have Nigel Styles come to give talks on Ecclesiastes along with various other speakers from different denominations, from all over Argentina, to give gospel talks on living the Christian life. The vision of the conference is to give Bible-believing preachers and teachers resources to take back to their churches, as well as being an encouragement as we share and get to

know each other. In Argentina, the churches don't tend to

work together very well, but more recently we've seen an openness among Bible teaching pastors and we're seizing the opportunity! Please pray that this conference would be a blessing and would bear fruit in many different churches throughout Argentina and Bolivia.

Mini Missionary

Maia has just started secondary school (They start at the equivalent to halfway through Year 8). The school she's at is growing with her class, so it's the first year for them and all the teachers, which means they're a guinea pig class with all that entails! Please pray that Maia would continue to make good friendships and that she would seek to be a true friend, even though she doesn't have a phone and can't be in the WhatsApp groups. Pray that we would have wisdom to know how to navigate the phone dynamics!!

Prayer and praise

- As the new church year gets underway, please pray for our 'missional communities' and for the new group leaders who'll be running them, for growth and maturity as they settle into their new roles
- We're doing a series on the Lord's Prayer at church. Please pray that we would be encouraged in our praying!
- As we prepare for the Gospel Conference, please pray for unity and joy in the gospel and that we would be able to host and feed everyone who is coming! Please also pray for me as I head up the children's programme.
- We're so thankful for this new step in the lives of Ely and Fran. Praise God with us for their return to Tucuman and for the opportunity to serve there.
- We praise God for a great summer camp in Los Cocos, for great conversations and young people impacted by the gospel!

Thank you for praying!! With lots of love and goat burgers,
Andrew, Bethanie, Maia, Emilio, Lucy and Noah xxxxx

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