# News from Guille & Debbie MAC KENZIE July 2016



# Estimados hermanos & hermanas:

### **Misión BETA**

Our next challenge is close! Please pray with us that God would use this next conference "Re-Thinking the Church" on August 3rd and 4th in Palermo. We will be receiving speakers from Mexico and Chile. Andres Garza, Director of City to City Latinamerica and two friends from Fundación Generación (Chile), who also work in partnership with Redeemer City to City.

We are excited to see how the Lord empowers pastors and leaders to accept His challenge to continue planting and revitalizing churches to impact Buenos Aires with the kingdom of God.

#### Ministry at church, Nuevo Avivamiento

Carlos, a deacon in our church, recently attended a special fraternal event at one of the other Taiwanese Presbyterian churches, here in Buenos Aires. After that, he came to talk to me and said: "Visiting that church helped me confirm that we are doing something great for God's kingdom. It was unbelievable, they were all Taiwanese, same color, same culture, so boring!" Then, he shared some thoughts on how we may get used to seeing different colors and listening to different languages in our church. It's just part of our daily life at church... and that's how heaven will also be!









## **Prayer Points**

### **Upcoming Youth Retreat**

Next month, August 13-15, we will have our annual youth retreat. We have invited a Peruvian pastor and we are planning this to be a very intentional evangelistic retreat. So, we are praying that many unbelieving kids may come and receive the Lord in their lives. Please pray with us!

### Health Update

Learning to Live with Cystic Fibrosis

Although we are going through an intense winter (remember Argentina is in the southern hemisphere), I am thankful to be feeling quite fine. I just need to be a good patient and follow my doctor's instructions: antibiotics, exercise and prayers!

Thank you all for your continued prayers for strength in my fight against cystic fibrosis.

#### My academic life

After many prayers, I have decided to decline invitations to teach at seminary this next semester. Even though I love teaching and sharing with students what God has taught me so far, I just can't cope with having my mind so diversified!

However, my academic life does not end there...

After presenting a paper at the regional conference of the Evangelical Missiology Society, I have been selected to present it at the national conference held at the Graduate Institute of Applied Linguistics October 14-16, in Dallas, TX.

It is a great privilege to be invited, a wonderful opportunity to learn from other scholars, but living far away, it is also a financial challenge. So, we are asking our friends and churches to pray if God might be leading you to help us out financially to help this opportunity become a reality. Raising funds from Argentina is very complicated, and our account has suffered from some decreases lately. So, we want to ask you or your church to prayerfully consider whether you may help me attend the conference with a special one-time donation or an increase in your current support. Online donation options can be found at <u>http://pmiweb.org/donations.php</u> or mail a check payable to PMI 12330 Conway Road, St. Louis MO 63141 with a note for "Guille's travel." Thank you!

> God bless you, Dios les bendiga, Guille & Debbie



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