



Step report

Argentina & Bolivia



out for a team meal

Report #3

We were so sad to realise that we only have just less than 2 weeks left here in Tartagal!

Your continued support and prayers and greatly appreciated. It's encouraging to know that we have so many people back home caring for us.

What we we've been up to

Our project has been coming along really well, and we feel as though we have made a lot of progress with the building, looking back to what it was like when we first arrived. We now have the 2 gable walls complete, and have started putting the roof on. In the last couple of weeks, other than working at the construction site, we have spent time with people from church, helping at the church's kids club, attended the young adults meetings, and visited Danny's community (Coronillo) just outside of Tartagal again.



We had a lovely restful Easter weekend as well. On Good Friday we hired an outdoor pool for the young people at the church. We had the most spectacular Asado (Argentinian meat grill) for lunch, followed by a short talk and time of worship. It's safe to say the UV here is extremely strong, as almost all of us came back sunburnt to some degree!

On Easter Sunday, we did an Easter egg hunt at the house, and spent the afternoon at the Plaza, before church in the evening. We enjoyed a lovely meal with some of our friends from church after the service. It has definitely taken a bit of getting used to going for dinner at 11.30pm!



at the pool with the youth



always good food



church service

Trusting God in the ups and downs

The last while has consisted of some ups and downs for everyone, including missing home, struggling with not having our own space, the language barrier, getting our shoes stolen from the house, and personal struggles; but despite our fleeting emotions and temporary situations, God is never-changing and is always in control. We trust his purpose and plan for all of our lives, and believe that He is working through each of us to share the gospel through different ministries here in Tartagal.



Highlights of the week

- One of the highlights of this week was seeing our friend Julio—whom we met at the supermarket—come along to church after we had the chance to chat with him and invite him. He speaks excellent English, and it was really lovely to see how open and willing he was to come along. He even joined us for a meal out after church as well!
- We also had a lovely visit at the weekend from Danny, Flavia and Priscilla who were very encouraged to see how well we were getting on as a team and all the work we've been doing. We praise God that they were able to come and visit, and we thank him for their kindness and encouragement.



During our devotional times, the boys have been reading through the Psalms. Some key themes that they've been exploring and reflecting on are God's majesty, his power yet loving tenderness, and justice. The girls have been reading through James, and have come across some very relevant verses about Christian living, how we treat others, and about how we face trials and struggles with God by our side, which have been very useful.

God's been teaching us...

- That when we face trials and our faith is tested, it brings us closer to Him
- To put Him first in everything we do, and to trust in Him fully when things are difficult.
- Patience!
- That although there are people in our team and here in Argentina with different backgrounds, we have to accept them and love them the same.
- That our efforts to be good Christian examples are not in vain, although it is difficult sometimes with the language barrier.
- That God wants us to be a part of His perfect plan, and that he has a purpose and a calling for each of us!

Things that we've been missing

- Family, friends, girlfriends / boyfriends
- Church family, and being able to fully understand the sermons and the general chat after church which is a bit harder here due to the language barrier.
- Watching Fulham play.
- Home comforts that we took for granted before coming here (e.g our own space, warm showers, toilets that flush!)
- Leading youth groups in English.
- Being able to serve in a way we know we are good at (in our comfort zone).

Prayer and praise points

- Please pray that we'd stay on track with devotionals, that we'd find time to do it especially on busy days.
- Pray that in our last couple of weeks here, we can continue to strengthen the relationships we have with people from church and elsewhere, and thank God for all the good opportunities we've had already to spend quality time with them.
- Pray for Julio, that he would be able to come back to church and continue attending even after we leave.
- Pray for good health in the team, since over the last week we've had a few people who were ill. (Praise the Lord they are better now though!)
- Pray for the young adults group in the church. We have realised there has been a lack in energy and enthusiasm within the young people who attend, and we'd love to see them engaging and listening more to the talks, and having meaningful conversations about faith.
- Please continue to pray for our Spanish as it continues to improve, help us to keep striving to learn more in order to serve God as best we can.
- Praise God for the work that's been done at the construction site and all the willing volunteers that help out and show us what to do so patiently!
- Prayer for energy and strength to get through the last couple of weeks here, especially when we are feeling tired and drained.



Smiles all round



Haircuts by a guy from the church!



With the youth group

Wholehearted mission

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