



Metzgers to Argentina

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After being back in Argentina for a month, we realize we have experienced some **CULTURE SHOCK** once again after coming back, even if we were only gone for 3 months! Living in a different country and culture rewires your brain in what to expect on a day by day basis, and going back to your "motherland" changes it all up. Then, just as you were getting comfortable and used to the many differences (such as having a hundred varieties of cereal to choose from, shopping at a store where everything is available and even just the courteous and organized way people drive in the U.S.) you move back to the country God has called you to, and are shocked all over again at the

lack of cleanliness, the chaos and disorder, and the other many differences in the cultures. No wonder missionaries have to be hardy, resilient people! However, we believe we are adjusting, and trying to guide the children through all the changes once again. Please **PRAY** that we will continue to adjust well so we can be most effective here as a family.

DECEMBER was spent unpacking, readjusting, getting ready for Christmas, but also dealing with some situations that had arisen while we were gone, encouraging the believers, and planning for this coming year. As it is in the United States, December is extremely busy, and flies by quickly.

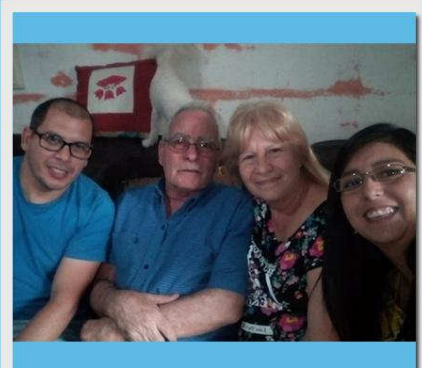
We thank God for the hard work of our people while we were gone. They ministered to each other and also took care of visiting families, which have been coming faithfully, and were able to lead 2 people to the Lord! We praise God for the salvations of Martin and Ana Maria! **PRAY** they will both continue to grow in their walk with the Lord. Now we continue alongside our church people, building them up for the work of the ministry, and sharing the Gospel. Please **PRAY** that our church family will be rooted and grounded in the truth this year so as to better love each other and show Christ more effectively to the community around us. This is our desire.



Saying goodbye to Ben's parents before catching our flight to Argentina



the children from church telling the true meaning of Christmas



Guillermo and Mirta (outer edges) with Jorge (who has alzheimers) and Ana Maria (who trusted Christ as her Savior!)