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There are customs in every country that are different from the United States. Some we do not enjoy, but many we do. Celebrating Spring is one of the enjoyable ones. Argentine's tend to celebrate the end of the cold winter months by having a picnic, or enjoy the outdoors at a park on or around the first day of Spring (September 21st). As a result, we try to incorporate that into our church's calendar. This year we did a picnic on the grounds at church. We had a wonderful time drinking mate (the Argentine green tea), playing games, eating an Argentine asado (bbq cookout), and enjoying fellowship with those who came! This is also a chance to invite visitors, some who would not come to a regular service, but will get to know our church family. This includes unsaved family members of some of our church families. Please pray for the salvation of these family members who came that day: José (father of a member) and Camila (grown daughter of members).

We took a family trip to the west side of Argentina for a conference and took the time to spend a weekend with dear ministry friends. David and Ruth Monzon are church planters supported by our church, and we were able to visit their new work in General Alvear, Mendoza, which officially started in January! It was wonderful to be with them and see how God is using them in this new church plant! You are also a part of their ministry since you support us, and our church supports them! Fruit that abounds to your account! Praise God for His work! Please pray for their baby church, that it will continue to grow. Also pray for the Monzon family. They were in a recent car wreck on their way to church and their vehicle was very damaged (they depend on it for ministry purposes) and David and Ruth have many injuries that continue to be treated, and medical bills to be paid. They are encouraged to see God's hand protecting and providing for them.

Once again we celebrated Mother's Day (in October here!) with a ladies' event. We had a wonderful group of women and girls participate, and a sweet time of companionship and fun. We pray for godly wisdom for the mothers in our church to train up their children and teenagers for God's glory in this dark world. Please pray for the women in our church. We came back from furlough to find some division among a few of them and we pray as Paul urges the dear women of Philippi in Philippians 4:2 "I beseech Euodias, and beseech Syntyche, that they be of the same mind in the Lord..." This is our prayer for those of our church so we may with one mind go forward as an example of God's love to reach our community for Christ!



Some of the women and children at our church picnic. Camila is top right in all black.



With our good friends and national missionaries, David and Ruth Monzon



We praise God for a new church plant in General Alvear, Mendoza!



Mother's Day- celebrating the mothers in our church