

THE Argentina Announcer



Greetings to each of you. I hope that you and your family had a very blessed Thanksgiving day. Though this year has been full of changes and challenges, ups and downs, I find we still have very much to be grateful for and thankful to our heavenly Father whose hand has blessed us so abundantly.

I want to give you an update of our transition to the USA. We arrived back in Argentina on October the 13th and underwent the mandatory 10 day quarantine process with the associated Covid-19 testing at the beginning and end of the quarantine. During those days we began to sort through our belongings, most of which were still in boxes from the move that we did back in May. I also began to contact shipping companies to try and get some estimates on shipping some of our belongings back to Texas. After a couple of weeks, estimates began to arrive. Due to various factors in the shipping industry (backlog of ships in ports, storage fees, etc) we determined that shipping was not going to be a viable option for us. So Carla and I determined to make a hard decision to just basically sell or give away nearly everything but what we can pack into our suitcases and start from the ground up once we get back to El Paso. Nathanael and I just recently made a very quick trip with a bunch of suitcases to drop off some belongings in El Paso. The money that has been donated for the transition so far will cover that trip.

Back in June, we put our house in Pergamino up for sale. We also have the car up for sale as well. However, with the economy as bad as it is here we have had no buyers yet, even though both are priced below market value. Rather than waiting for these things to sell in order to move, I have begun the paperwork process to assign a power of attorney to a missionary friend of mine so when and if these things do sell he can do the transfer of title process in my stead.

The process of looking for an apartment in El Paso has not been proceeding very well either. However, I praise the Lord as our home church is stepping up to the plate to help us greatly in that area!

So what is still left to do? We are trying to sell or give away most of our possessions to those that we know who can really use these things the most. For security sake, we dare not do a garage sale here. The next couple of weeks will be very busy, and trying emotionally, especially for Carla as she gets rid of what has made our house a home for her.

When do we expect to be back in Texas? I am hoping and praying that everything will be done so we can be back and celebrate Christmas with our family. If not then, I anticipate sometime in early January.

How can you pray for us? Pray that the house and car sell. Pray that we can get rid of things in a timely manner. Pray for grace and wisdom during this transition time. These are challenging days for us, but we see God's hand at work and know that we are doing His will. There are many people in El Paso, waiting for their new pastor to arrive.

We thank you very much for your continued support during this transition time! May the Lord bless you all.

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