

# SERVING GOD IN ARGENTINA

FAMILY CHAVES

*"I thank my God every time I remember you, always in every prayer I make, praying with joy for all of you, for your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this very thing, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Jesus Christ." Phil. 1:3–6.*



Dear Beloved family in Christ, we thank God for your prayers and for the fellowship in the gospel that God allows us to have together, using your lives to support our life and the work in Argentina. First of all, we want to thank God for His goodness in our family. The children are growing, Abi, is making progress in her homeschooling. We love seeing her growth and understanding. My wife does a great job teaching her every morning. It is a great challenge, especially with David, who is 18 months old, but the Lord is using her in a wonderful way. We pray for God's wisdom to continue growing in our marriage, especially in holiness, so we can raise our children in the fear of the Lord. In recent months, we have had some additional challenges to face, such as our car breaking down and things in the house, but we have seen God's hand sustaining us the whole time. On the other hand, we also want to thank God because we see that we are in the final stretch of paying off our house. We only have 10 months left and we are officially free of that debt, which will bring us great relief. Please pray for God's provision to meet the remaining payments.



**La Union Missionary Bible Church:** We also want to thank God for His goodness in our church. We see His hand building the ministry in our community. God is causing a very rapid growth in our church. New people are coming to hear the word of God all the time, so much so that we no longer have room in our hall. Today, the most urgent need is to purchase more chairs to use in the entrance hall as an extension of the sanctuary room. As a long-term project, we are praying and working as a church to begin construction of a new sanctuary on the property. I can provide information about this if you are interested in praying more specifically. This growth also brings with it great challenges in my ministry, as the needs for counseling, discipleship, visitation, administration, and other aspects of the church have grown. Therefore, we ask that you join us in prayer so that the leadership team can continue to strengthen and grow. Today, I am working in the lives of 10 mature men in the church. They are serving in all the ministries we have, but our prayers will be for God to raise up pastors to shepherd the gray of God. Please pray specifically for Gervis Suarez, his wife Carolina, and their two daughters, Gaby and Cami. We are praying that Gervis can be a pastor alongside me in the church. We need to take steps this year with them. On the other hand, families, which the Lord has long been affirming in the word, are the ones we share with you.

Here are some ministries that are growing in the church: **Men's Ministry** The maturity of men is the greatest need in our church. That's why we want to expose men to the robust teaching of biblical doctrine, where we will especially analyze the role of men in the home and the local church, and sanctification as the highest goal of every believer.

**-Family Ministry** In this ministry, we seek to equip married couples in the church to biblically understand their role in the Christian home and to encourage them to faithfully pursue this God's plan.

**-Youth Ministry** In this ministry, we seek to equip single men and women to live out God's plan for singleness in a biblical way. We want to prepare

young men to be mature in their faith and prepare them to embrace their role in marriage. We also want to work in the lives of fathers, providing them with tools so they can effectively disciple their children.

**-Women's Ministry** My wife, along with other women of the church, actively serve in this ministry, where we seek to equip women in the church to embrace their role as wives, mothers, and servants of God in the local church. We want to encourage true biblical femininity through the Word of God and encourage them to live holy lives.

**-Children's Ministry** In this ministry, we seek to guide children to salvation. We want to guide children to maturity in their faith. To achieve this, we will develop a ministry centered on the Word of God and on robust biblical teaching. We will also be working to provide tools and encourage parents to embrace their role in the home.

**-Home Meetings** Home meetings are an expression of the sweet communion we try to foster in the church. During this time, believers gather in homes to praise the Lord, listen to the Word, and pray with one another. They are also opportunities to share the gospel with their neighbors.

**-Missions Ministry** God moves the church, not only relationally, as each believer shares the gospel, but also so that we can gather as a church every other Wednesday to go out into the community to visit and preach the gospel intentionally.

We are also praying for the missionary trips we have planned for this year. We have national and international trips planned. Argentina: Corrientes, Córdoba, and Tucumán. International: Mexico, Peru, and Colombia (Colombian jungle).

**-Sunday School Ministry:** Every Sunday, in God's grace, we gather early in the morning before congregation worship to study the scriptures. Equipping the saints for the work of the ministry has been tremendous. The response from the faithful has been tremendous. We can see a desire to grow further in knowing the Lord and being able to serve Him better. Today, we are praying for God's provision to be able to grow in the physical classroom space so we can continue developing this important ministry within the church.

**-Church planting and revitalization** The Lord also places the weight on our hearts, amidst this great growth we see in our church, to be able to have compassion for places where healthy churches are needed. That is why for a year now we have been praying and working to open churches in two cities around our city, Cañuelas and Monte Grande.



The Lord provided us with a van last year, so we have begun mobilizing people to the city of Cañuelas, where we have established a house meeting in a strategic location. Please pray for the advancement of the gospel in that place and for the ability to establish a church in the coming years. We pray to see if this year we can start something in the city of Monte Grande. Please pray that more people will rise up to serve God in the work, and pray for resources to continue doing the work.

On the other hand, in terms of church revitalization, we are working in a neighborhood located a 20-minute drive from our community. There is a project there where the pastor is very elderly and his health is very fragile. Therefore, we are supporting the training of men there and, as a church, supporting the growth of that place in many ways. So, there are people from our church who go frequently to preach and accompany them in different aspects of the ministry there. Pray that the Lord will raise up workers and resources to continue supporting this work there. There are many families who need faithful shepherding and care there.

In addition to these ministries, we constantly have discipleship ministries, biblical counseling, conferences, family camps, maintenance and construction, church service, outreach and hospitality ministries, etc. Pray that God will keep us faithful in the task of preaching the gospel and building the church here in Argentina.

**-Church Planting and CCP:** As you know, brothers and sisters, in addition to serving as a pastor in the church, the Lord allows us to serve in the church planting ministry and in the pastoral training school as a teacher there. These are areas where we also invest a lot of our time, understanding that God has not only called us to serve our local church (although this is our priority), but He has also called us to serve churches in Argentina and other places around the world.

We understand that to plant new churches, we need pastors who have the spiritual character and training to develop ministries faithful to God. Therefore, we are serving in these ministries, training men, visiting churches, and teaching the Word.

Therefore, I teach classes every week in the mornings. We have trips scheduled throughout the year to strengthen churches in Argentina, the Colombian jungle, Mexico, and Peru. This year, we are praying for our churches to send a missionary family to France. So pray for physical strength, for wisdom to use our time well and not neglect our family, and for the provision to accomplish all these tasks God has called us to do as a family.

Again, brothers and sisters, we thank God for your lives, for the love and fellowship we can have in Christ and in His work. This fellowship makes the fruit God is producing in Argentina and other places a fruit that is also at your account. Beloved, what a privilege it is to serve God together.

We love you in Christ and look forward to seeing you soon so we can tell you more about God and His work in our lives and in His church. Josue, Courtney, Abi, and David Brent Chaves. *Phil. 4:10–20*.

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