

May 20, 2019

Greetings from the wandering Allens!

It's hard to believe we're more than half way through our home assignment. We've been on the road almost constantly and it's been good to reconnect with many of you. While we've been here, several important things have happened in Argentina.

Emilda Ocaranza, the lady who had problems with lupus and supposedly tuberculosis in her intestines has finally been able to go home from the hospital. Fortunately, her tuberculosis diagnosis was discarded, but in it's place she's been diagnosed with Crohn's disease. She left the hospital weighing 72 lbs. Pray that she'll be able to spend the balance of her time at home and hopefully will respond to treatments. Her lower intestine is very delicate and we're concerned that she may pass on before we return to Argentina.

The news from the La Merced church has been "mixed". On April 12<sup>th</sup>, Eva Diaz died of gall bladder cancer. We'd asked you to pray for her in our last prayer letter and we've been showing a photo of her in the churches we've been visiting. Marta, the wife of the elder of the church was with Eva when she passed. Fortunately, she had no pain, in large part due to the drain we were able to help her obtain. Pray for Anabel, her seventeen-year-old daughter who is the only Christian left in her house. She's a senior this year.



On the bright side, on Good Friday three of the adolescents Rod has been teaching were baptized. Anabel, Nicole and Ivana all took this great step of faith. We can't wait to get back and see how they're progressing. Anabel, Eva's daughter, is being baptized in the

photo. To her left is Victor, the church elder and Inocencio, the pastor who has taken over for us.

The Seminary had a graduation in April. Two students completed their coursework in SEBEA Residencia. David Cuellar and Magui Bautista de Tumburú both started the program years ago and then, due to getting married, having children, changing jobs, etc., had to drop out for several years. After almost a decade, they both graduated. David is pastoring a new church and is a high school principal. Magui teaches religious education in a school in Salta and is co-camp director with her husband Raúl who is also a Seminary graduate and pastor of a local church. We really wish we could have been there for the ceremony.

We continue to be on the road. In June and July you can find us at...

June 2, West Salem Baptist Church, West Salem, OR  
June 9, Seven Lakes Baptist Church, Stanwood, WA  
June 30, Gateway Community Church, Washougal, WA  
July 14, Wood Village Baptist Church, Wood Village, OR  
July 15 – 19, Littleton, Colorado

We'll also be visiting individual supporters in Oregon and Washington during the month of June. We'd love to see as many of you as possible so please get in touch either through email at [rjncallen@gmail.com](mailto:rjncallen@gmail.com) or here at the house, 4910 SW 168<sup>th</sup> Pl., Beaverton, OR 97078.

Besides visiting churches and supporters, we've been getting some medical issues resolved. Jackie has had her arthritic hands looked at, especially a finger which has been giving her a lot of problems. A surgery isn't the solution for her so she's met with a physical therapist and has received some medication which is helping. Rod has been doing well with his diabetes.

Continue to pray for us as we travel. We have had some great visits in the past few months and are looking forward to more, but parts of our bodies are getting tired of traveling. Pray also for the Seminary which is starting the regular first semester on May 27<sup>th</sup>. It's always hard to be away from the students, but especially at the beginning of the term. Pray also for this term's professors, Ramiro, Juan and Inocencio.

Please continue to pray for our finances. We're currently quite under supported for the first time in years. Please contact us or WorldVenture if you'd like to help.

His and yours,

*Rod and Jackie Allen*