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Dear Friends,

We just talked with Stephen this morning! He is studying at Continental Theological Seminary in Brussels, Belgium. He had the opportunity recently, to spend 3 weeks in Murcia, Spain, participating on a Ministry Trip with other students from the Seminary and then enjoying some well R & R! He is experiencing many new and interesting things there in Europe! Christopher got news this week that his Summer Missions trip, in July, that was headed to Kenya has been re-routed to Tanzania. He will be joining other MK's for ministry for 2 weeks in Africa. We are excited for him and know God has some awesome things in store for him. Ellen continues to be a blessing to the VEN ministry of New Church Planting in Argentina. She is overseeing the area of ministry to the Pioneer Families. Staying in touch with them and sharing with them as well as writing a monthly devotional to the pastor's wives. In fact, at the recent School of Pioneers she shared a workshop with the entire VEN family on Seven Habits of a Effective Minister. They were all encouraged by her openness and ability to share.

School of Pioneers 2008

Over 80 pioneers and family members attended the 8th School of Pioneers in Buenos Aires. We had several pastors speak or share workshops. Our main speaker was Pastor Henry K. Pillai



and his wife from Malaysia. He shared on many topics very helpful for new church planters. He has been influential in the planting of 1800 churches around the world. The Pioneers were inspired, instructed and blessed by ministry and the time together with the other pioneer pastors.



MAPS Construction Team-Salta, Argentina

In January, we hosted a team of 23 led by Dean and Connie Beck, from First Assembly of God in Marcy, New York, pastored by Tim Burns. The team has been to Argentina



on several trips led by my good friend Dominick Blase. We are so encouraged to continue to partner with them in new church planting. They helped construct a new church building in Salta, a city of 500,000 in the northern part of Argentina. The church started a few years ago and had purchased land with no hope of building for while, but the team turned that around. We are grateful for what God is doing and going to do in the north of Argentina!

National Convention '07

In November, we presented VEN, new church planting ministry to the National Convention for the Assemblies of God. Each year the national leadership enables us to share with the entire body on the importance of new



church planting. You can check out the ministry (in Spanish of course) at www.ven.org.ar. We are grateful for the team that is working with us. Please pray for laborers for Argentina and pastors with a passion for planting new congregations in Argentina as well as pastors to mentor and represent VEN in their provinces.

VISION Trip to Europe and Africa



It has been a burden for several years now to see the churches that we planted raise up missionaries to go to Europe and the Muslim world for ministry. As I prayed, I sensed that a way for our pastors to catch the burden was to take them on

a VISION trip to see the needs first hand, with the prayer that a desire would arise within them for the world. By God's grace two of our pastors were able to accompany me to Italy, Spain and Casablanca. It was a fantastic time of prayer and vision casting. The pastors are praying about taking a team in Easter 2009 to minister there. Pray that the Lord will open the doors!

VEN Leaders and Mentors Retreat

We held a two day retreat for the leadership team of VEN in Buenos Aires and the mentors for each of the new church planting projects. This was a training session to help them better coach the new church planting pastors in their work of starting the new church. This was a profitable time for them and helpful in building bridges with each other.

Children's Ministry Team from VFCC

In March, a team of 11 from Valley Forge Christian College led by Professor Dick Gruber, ministered in four of the VEN, new church planting churches in Greater Buenos Aires. They did children evangelistic meetings outside of schools, in parks, plazas, and street corners with



puppets, juggling, balloons, crafted Bible Stories and other great ministry to the kids. In several of the churches they helped to train local workers for ministry to children as well as participating in nightly crusades. It was thrilling what the Lord did during this time!

New Church Planting and Evangelism

