



elevate student ministry
Argentina Mission Trip 2003
Trip Overview

The Ministry:

We will be partnering with the church planting movement in Argentina. We are primarily working with La Union Bible Church, which is 30 minutes outside of Buenos Aries. Each day will consist of many ministry opportunities for you to engage in:

- **Church Planting Survey Work:** Teams will go out into two communities near La Union to seek to start a church in each community. The teams will have translators and locals with them as well. The teams will share the gospel and if someone responds, the team will go back and begin discipleship. Church members at La Union are being prepared to minister to the new Christians
- **Plaza Ministry:** We will set up our ministry in plazas where we will use drama, music, puppets, etc to draw a crowd. We will then share the gospel with people.
- **Construction:** It will cost a couple thousand dollars to finish the church at La Union. Our dream is to bring a team of people who will minister through construction.
- **Bible Clubs:** We will host a Bible Club at the church for children in the area to come to.
- **School Programs:** We will share the gospel in Christian schools in the area. The majority of the students in the schools are not Christians. They are there to learn English.
- **Sports Clubs:** IF we have some athletes go, we will play ball in Sports Clubs and share the gospel with the crowd. There are no school sports so people join these clubs to play basketball and soccer. They love having American competition.
- **Orphanage:** We will visit children in an orphanage.

The People we are partnering with:

- Ken Lassiter

Ken is the missions pastor at First Baptist Woodstock in Atlanta, Georgia. He leads the Strategic Mission Partnership with Argentina. He has taken groups down to Argentina for years and is highly respected and loved by the Christians in Argentina. He is establishing the relationship between us and the churches there.

- Word of Life Bible Institute

WOL is an organization that equips and trains ministers all over the world. Argentina is only one of the locations. Ken works with Word of Life and so will we. We will eat some meals there and work closely with their students. Over 40 Americans are there being trained. Word of Life will supply us as many translators as we need. Word of Life also works with the church planting movement there. Word of Life trains the pastors who will serve in the churches that are started. It is a great cycle and a great partnership.

- Eduardo and David

Eduardo is the head of church planting in Argentina. He works with Word of life and places trained ministers in new churches that we start. He is thrilled that we are coming and will be working closely with us. David is his translator and assistant. David is a student at Word of Life.

- Pastor Dario and family

Dario is the pastor of the Bible church in La Union. An American team started his church and he wants to utilize us to help his church start two new churches in Gulf Villa and Canneing. He is preparing church members to disciple the people that we lead to Christ. Eduardo lead Dario to the Lord and Dario was trained at Word of Life.

Requirements to Go:

- Fill out an **application** indicating a desire to grow and minister as the trip approaches
- Attend the **discipleship and training meetings**
- Send out **fifty letters** for prayer and financial support OR commit to pay the balance yourself.

- If you desire to be on the canvassing/ church planting team, you must disciple someone before you go. You will use the three sessions you are taught during the preparation meetings.

Time frame:

June 13-21

The cost:

\$1200 per person which includes transportation, lodging, food, insurance, shirt, etc.

Raising Support:

Personal Sacrifice: Each person going should make a personal sacrifice towards the trip. We ask you to pay at least the first \$100 before you ask for support.

Letters of Support: Each person going will send out 50 letters of support asking for prayer and sharing the financial need. People love to be involved in this type of ministry, and will jump on board financially. Every one of the missionaries we will be working alongside raises support for every week of their life. We are doing it for one week. We will provide sample letters for you to use.

Discount Cards: We will provide discount cards for people to sell. All ten dollars of each card sold will go to your account.

- *A note about fundraisers:* When you divide the money made by the time spent, they are seldom worth it. They are so time consuming, and we have made the choice to invest our time in preparing for the ministry there. We do encourage students to work for it, and we assure you that they will do much better on their own than they would at any garage sale or car wash.

The trip there:

We will leave Cincinnati on Friday at 2:20 on June 13th. We will fly to Chicago, Miami, and then to Buenos Aires. We will land at 8:23am in Buenos Aires. The time there is one hour ahead of Eastern time. The trip is long but it does not produce jetlag. Flying north and South is a lot better than flying East and West.

The trip home:

We will leave Buenos Aires on Friday June 20th at 8:23pm and we will land in Cincinnati on Saturday June 21st at 1:47 pm.

The lodging:

We will stay in a four star hotel 20 minutes from La Union. The rooms only open to the inside of the hotel and it is in a safe residential area.

The food:

Eduardo will organize all of our food. He has done so for many groups from the States. We will eat at many restaurants and also at the church. He will be sure that the meals are cooked safely.

The safety:

Statistically the most dangerous part of the trip will be the drive to the Cincinnati airport. In all the groups that have traveled to partner with Word of Life, there have been no major problems. Word of Life employs three doctors who are available to us. Every precaution that can be made will be made.

Personal preparation:

- They are opposite of us in seasons so it will be somewhat cold there when we are there. This is not ideal but it will cut down on the dehydration rate that many summer mission trips have. Prepare for *cold weather*.
- Vaccinations and visas are *not* needed for the trip
- Everyone needs a *passport* and students under 16 need an affidavit as well.