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Leading worship at El Madero

Welcome to another edition of our news, we've been busy here in Buenos Aires during the last couple of months, hope you enjoy reading about some of the things we are getting up to; we certainly feel so privileged to be doing what we are doing, and to be able to share it with you!

The track season is in full swing here in Argentina and this has also coincided with advances in our training, as we are now doing more specific speed and speed endurance sessions three times a week in the CeNARD; I am thrilled and rather relieved to say that this also includes me, after a significant "biomechanical break through" at the beginning of April. This has been a huge answer to prayer, and even though it is tough to get back into shape, I enjoy every minute of running and rejoice in being free of pain and niggles.

We have been present at various track competitions to cheer on friends and to "meet and greet" in general. I had a great opportunity to accompany my friend and fellow runner **LZ** to a race, to give her a shout and also assume the important role of "bag watcher!" Following various chats and meetings together, I have lent her a book about Christianity published by Alpha in the hope that this will give her a better idea of the Christian faith (i.e. as faith and not religion) and provide us with a further talking point for these issues where appropriate. The exciting thing is that I am not the only Christian that the Lord has put in her path; she mentioned two other girls that have been praying for and sharing their faith with her over the last few months!



Catching up with friends at the track (left to right): **LF**, **RG** and **LZ**

RG is a friend from my former training group who unfortunately has been suffering with a knee problem for the last 15 months. It has been very tough for him but he is a fantastic team mate as he immediately devoted his time to putting together the club website, updating news and being present at nearly all competitions taking photos, videos and cheering on his team mates. We became good friends during our time training together and Fabio and I try to stay in touch and encourage him in his comeback, and he is also a great supporter of our own sporting exploits!

LF is also a former team mate and I have gotten to know her more recently. I sensed that she was a "person of peace" (see [Luke 10.5-6](#)) and suggested that we meet up for coffee (life beyond the track!). The second time we met up, I was amazed at how quite suddenly the conversation shifted to the topic of faith and **LF** shared with me her strong belief in God, her regular prayers and attitude to life, all of which reflected strong Biblical principles. I felt so encouraged by what she shared, and reminded of how we should never limit God to blessing us only through those we know to be "born-again Christians"; **LF** refers to herself a Catholic and although there were many things we didn't speak about in too much

depth, what we shared demonstrated an openness to God's Word (I shared some verses with her which she greatly enjoyed) and to talking about faith and Christianity with a mutual level of understanding. Indeed, **LF** told me in the moment and again afterwards just how much she enjoyed being able to talk openly about these things with a "fellow believer" (her words).

Please pray that God would continue his work in the hearts of **LZ** and **LF** in particular, and continue to provide opportunities to share God's love and show we care.



More doors for the gospel are opening in Argentine athletics thanks to brother and sister team **LO** and **YO**, who started a cell group for fellow athletes living in the **CeNARD**. Their flat is extremely close and they meet Friday nights to share a sporting devotional and time together. Fabio and I are unable to attend but we are in regular contact and pray for them; we were particularly thrilled to learn of the recent baptism of **VC**, a 400m runner whom **YO** has been discipling, and her growing faith. Please join with us in praising God for His great work, and in praying for **YO**, **LO** and **VC** as they grow and minister together, it is so exciting to see!

YO and LO host the cell group

Two more **prayer/praise** points to round off:

- **M** is putting together a *sports ministry project* in her church and has invited me to speak at a meeting on Saturday 4th May. I plan to talk about various aspects of sports ministry, notably:

- sport as a mission field
- sport and worship
- sport and the body
- the church's response to and relationship with sport as a social phenomenon.

The idea is that **M** will be able to share something of this in connection with the project she has in mind. **Praise** God for her initiative and please **pray** for me as I prepare, that I would communicate clearly and share what is on God's heart (not just my own!) and for **M** as she follows what the Lord has placed in her heart.

- After one meeting at **El Madero** in April, I was approached by **OL**, who has been attending the church on-and-off during the last couple of years. She asked me if I might be able to *disciple* her; coming from a Mormon background, although having made a commitment to Christ, **OL** still has various unresolved questions and recognises that "*going back to basics*" is what she really needs. I **praise** God for her courage and desire to seek the truth; and would highly value your **prayers** for God to be at work in both of us as we spend time together reading the Bible. I am encouraged by the following verses:

"[...] by the open statement of the truth we would commend ourselves to everyone's conscience in the sight of God [...] For what we proclaim is not ourselves but Jesus Christ as Lord [...] For God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness" has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ."

2 Corinthians 4.2b, 5-6

With love in Christ,
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