

Prayer topics from Lynn and Charles Barr Johnston, July 2008

Thank you again very much for continuing to pray for us and those we try to help. Please continue to pray for Sunday school teacher Carmen from Yema who is alone in Buenos Aires, looking after her daughter Mechy who had several operations there for her brain tumour. Carmen is alone in that her aunt, Deaconess Elena, has returned to Chiriguanos to look after the congregation there. Please pray for them all in their seeking God's Will and His priorities in looking after both family and the church. I think one reason Elena went to Buenos Aires was to look after Carmen spiritually, as her daughter's illness hit her hard. So please pray for Carmen and her daughter Mechy who we think believes in Jesus, and for her husband Lolo, who is an often absent member of the congregation, and who I think neither has really grasped the Gospel nor has been grasped by it.

Please also pray for the congregation in Juarez as they for the first time will lead a young people's camp there during the winter holidays in July. Vicar Narciso with the young people's leaders has been doing a lot of organising for this. Young people from the churches in Yema, Chiriguanos, Salta and Tucuman are coming.

Please also continue to pray for Lynn's health. When she was trying to get documents for a possible trip to the UK she almost fainted. This led us to go to another doctor who had been recommended to us. Tuesday last week, this doctor interned Lynn in a hospital for tests. Lynn did not want to be left alone in the hospital and so I slept in the women's ward on a bench and was with her a large part of the day. Ester, our home help, was with her the rest of the time. We were allowed home for the weekend, returning early on Monday morning, and she was finally discharged last Wednesday. She had many tests; most of them said she was basically healthy. Her basic problem was severe osteoporosis in the back and lack of calcium in the bones. She is more mobile since being in the hospital. Sorry for not sending this prayer update earlier.

Our Bishop Greg says that the Bishops' conference in Jerusalem was good, and he asks us all to pray for him and the other Bishops at Lambeth.