

Thus the saying "One sows and another reaps" is true.

John 4:37

Dear friends and family!

The last few months have been quite an interesting time in my ministry. Being involved in two of the three churches we run is sometimes stressing but also rewarding. Seeing young people being committed and eager to strengthen their relationship with God give peace to my soul because that is a practical answer to our prayers as leaders.

I remember a conversation with a leader from my church who was very interested in the work I started doing in the youth detention centers but he also was a little bit worried we couldn't see "results" as we are used to with our youngsters. I then told him I couldn't assure him results as the ones we have among our young people but I also clarified him I was not interested in "results" but in spending time with the kids and bringing them hope. I even said "I know my task here is to sow and may be in God's time I will even reap, but honestly I don't know if I will do both, only God knows". Having projects like this with kids that come and go from the institution has some disadvantages and it is also very hard to follow their lives after they leave the place but it is not impossible.

A few weeks ago the first thing I prayed that morning before visiting the girls was that God give me the opportunity to witness his grace and that the girls could open their hearts to him. We watched a Christian movie and after that we discussed it and that day 4 girls gave their lives to Christ. That night my prayer to God was to thank him to be able to sow and reap with these girls. Their lives have not been easy; in fact two of them have ITS (syphilis) and one AIDS and they are less than 17. So HOPE was what they needed to go on and that day they received it. So from that day Fiona and I started doing some bible studies with them and they love learning how to use the Bible and have lots of questions. I know though this is a slow process but it is not my job but God's to keep that fire growing inside them. Last week two more girls received Jesus as their Savior and the most amazing thing is that the staff said this to us: "we don't know what you are doing with these girls but the whole atmosphere has changed, we can see the girls are changing for good". They even ask me and my volunteers to stay with them after the meetings and they also share with us their problems and experiences. I can see God is really transforming this place but not only with the girls but with the workers as well and my friends this can only be made by his power, we are just tools.

I wanted to share with you a little bit of some of the things I am living this year in my lovely Salta. I can't finish the letter without saying once again a big thank you for so much love I received from you, for your

encouragement and also for trusting me with this ministry. May our Father keep blessing your lives and everything you do.



The girls from the prison who received Jesus in their lives.



Fiona giving a devotional in church.



My lovely friend Alison visited me last month....a real blessing from heaven.