

South American Mission Society

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Dear Friends

This is a short prayer letter just to let you know about some urgent important things to pray for; I will be sending a longer one early in March after the meetings

1. **Our health.** During the past few weeks Techy and myself have been having some cardiovascular problems (arterial hypertension that affected our ability to be more active in ministry). During a trip to Tucumán I started feeling tired and drove back with a terrible headache, and just as we arrived started vomiting and feeling quite exhausted. Doctors said it was stress, but we need to keep going due to so few people in northern Argentina working in full time ministry. Techy is in a similar state.
2. **Pray for the next Pastoral committee** meeting that we will hold in La Caldera on Friday 29 February; it will be quite important for our future. The aim is how to move forward to break the stagnation that has affected our diocese during the past five years and caused quite a lot of hurt to people. Most of them don't have the will (as well as losing their vision) to be involved actively in ministry.
3. **For the Church in Tucumán:** after the departure of Pastor Eliseo Ortiz from Tucumán I have had to take over this church again, but that means travelling every month to work with the team leaders. The situation is not easy and many people have left, making the community quite weak and uncertain of what the future holds.
4. **The economic situation** of the diocese and the country; we are again struggling with inflation and this affects movement around the diocese, especially visits to the indigenous communities.
5. **The church In Jujuy** needs more support if we want it to grow. I visit every weekend but this is not enough for them; they need evangelistic programs like Alpha.
6. **For the young people,** mainly in San Andrés church (Salta) and in Tucumán. They are potentially the future of the diocese and also 50% of both congregations. Pray for the next EJE (Youth Encounter in the Spirit) in March, especially for Natanael Cicka in Salta and Pablo in Tucumán.