

# Ministry Updates and Highlights

Since our last newsletter, there have been a lot of ministry activities. Here are some of the highlights:

Our church successfully completed a three-month outreach program called the Alpha Course. We saw a number of new people participate in this evangelistic class and some profess new faith in Jesus! Several others have now integrated more fully into our church community. This course culminated in a retreat weekend that helped encourage deeper relationships, discipleship, and even spiritual healing for many that participated.

The youth group is currently participating in the same course and recently had a retreat this past month. Several teenagers that are not believers are participating and we are praying that they come to know Jesus as their Lord and Savior. Beth has been helping the youth leaders plan and make this a positive experience for all involved.

David has been busy counseling and mentoring people both from within and outside of the church community. Many are making advances in key areas in their lives while others are moving closer to faith as they are challenged with Gospel truths.

Beth's women's discipleship group continues to grow while the group members mature as leaders and encouragers.

Part of David's ministry is to support local addictions recovery programs. He provides discipleship to an addictions recovery farm and also supports a local addictions recovery support group. This outreach program routinely receives about 40 people per week and is helping people recover from addictions and also come to know Jesus.



**David leading the recovery group outreach**

Finally, at Christ Church, there has been consistent growth in maturity, discipleship, church attendance and unity. This has been a slow process, but steady progress is visible.

One special highlight from recent months was the opportunity for Zane and David to travel to Argentina. They were able to visit many friends and contacts in Tucuman and also helped a mission trip team from Mosaic Church from Littleton, CO with a children's project in Santiago del Estero. This was a special time of meaningful visits, encouragement, and service. David connected with a number of

men from the addictions recovery ministry that are doing well. He also saw a number of friends who have not confessed faith in Jesus yet but are drawing closer with questions and searching for truth.

Regarding our family, everyone has been doing well. We celebrated Sofia turning 8 and her recently learning to ride a bicycle. Also, Zane has been active in youth activities and has even been participating in a weekly youth leadership program at the local YMCA. Isabel loves participating in swimming classes. All three kids are growing educationally, emotionally and spiritually.



Church Evangelistic Retreat

## Home Assignment Coming

Home is where the heart is, so they say.... For us, that means living in Montevideo, Uruguay while having a part of our heart in the US and another part in Argentina. Going on home assignment means that we get to visit where we are

from originally. It means reconnecting with family, friends, church family and ministry partners. After previously spending four years on the field and one on home assignment, we will be transitioning to new rhythm of +2 years in Uruguay and 3-4 months in the States. This means that we will be in the US next year from March through June. We are excited about the opportunity to see many of you and to share about what God is doing and what He is leading us to do in the future. We have some exciting plans that we are eager to share with you all during this upcoming visit. We will share more details about these travel plans and ministry plans in our next newsletter.

## **Please pray:**

- For discipleship growth of the people at Christ Church
- For the people in recovery to find faith in Jesus and healing from their addictions
- For our kids to continue to grow physically, intellectually, emotionally and spiritually.
- For fruit from the recent Teens Retreat.
- For new ministry opportunities for the future and wisdom in deciding what direction to follow
- For our plans to come together for next year's home assignment





Teens Retreat and Outreach

**In His Grip,**

**David and Elizabeth Roberts  
(Beth) (Eli)**

May you have power together with all the Lord's holy people to understand Christ's love.  
May you know how wide and long and high and deep it is. Eph 3:18