



Argentine Bible Society — Northern Argentina

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## News from Argentina...



At first, Argentina was managing the Covid-19 outbreak very well: the early implementation of a strict lock-down meant the virus was contained and the precarious public health system had time

to prepare. But now we're in the thick of it, with millions living in overcrowded conditions and below the poverty line, many without access to clean water, making it almost impossible to keep to the basic hygiene measures. The virus is almost everywhere now, and cases are going up and up. The government has done what it could, but resources and key workers are limited and the system is being stretched to the limit.

Our lock-down was eased considerably in July, but now some restrictions are being brought back in to try to contain the spread of the virus, without paralysing the economy again. We can go out, walk or do private exercise, go shopping, and even go out for a coffee or a meal, but we can't now meet up with others.

We are all well, and give thanks to God that in all this time we have had all we needed - food, medicines, clothes and petrol etc. Kevin and Chris continue their studies online, with little



possibility of classes resuming this year. They also keep busy with their music, in

the Christian orchestra and other projects: Chris with violin and Kevin with drums. Silvia's dad went home to heaven peacefully on 31<sup>st</sup> July: he changed so much in the last few weeks, and was ready to go. But it happened so quickly, and now Silvia feels a big hole in her life. And we continue with online church - here in Salta and from England and Brazil.

The translation work continues too: both Hilario and Estela continue to upload more chapters of Leviticus and 1 Kings, and Michael continues with the checking process. We haven't been able to meet up since March, and we won't be able to travel to meet up again as a team in the next few months. However despite this, and the fact that Ana and José don't have suitable conditions to work at home, progress continues to be made: praise God!

### Points for prayer:

Give thanks we have been kept safe from the coronavirus; please pray this will continue. The virus hasn't reached the Toba communities yet, but it's getting closer. Pray for safety at all times for all of us, and for the Lord's protection in the spiritual battle we face as we seek to translate the Word of God.

Pray for ongoing progress of the translation work, especially for Ana and José to find a way to continue, and that without our team meetings we won't be held back or discouraged.

Pray for the Lord's ongoing provision for all of us, and give thanks that we can depend on Him in the midst of the coronavirus crisis.

**Many thanks for all your support in prayer! God bless you! With love in Jesus!**

**Michael, Silvia, Kevin and Christopher Browne**

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