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Dear Pastor and friends:

You prayed, you gave and God abundantly answered!!



For over a year the churches in Rosario have been planning all the details for hosting the *Church Planters Conference* – families included. While it was a great undertaking, we really felt the need for everyone to be encouraged and challenged.

So many of you responded by helping sponsor a pastor or his family to attend, and praying for the meeting, and the resulting blessing is hard to convey! The men spent time getting updates, working out needs, and praying together. The wives were so enthused to be able to participate in the meeting, meet other pastor's wives that they only knew by name, let their children get to know each other, and understand the benefit and blessing this meeting brings to their husbands. The children and teens played and had a great time together.

The folks in the Rosario churches did a fantastic job of collecting non-perishables ahead of time, preparing the camp, and then providing the food for all the guests each day. It really was quite a team effort!

And, knowing how there will always be a new need presented at the meeting, the church people went prepared to give to the special offering, covering the entirety of the monies needed to buy chairs, tables, and a pulpit for a new, one-month old church plant! Enthusiasm was pretty high! Each pastor promised to return and share the enthusiasm with their churches, and help raise funds for the second need on the list.



Though the trip and eats were free, the families did not just take: there was a spontaneous offering raised for a fellow pastor in a crisis, and most of them did something to GIVE to the meeting, buying treats for the workers, helping a fellow pastor out of work, with vehicle needs, etc. They were a blessing to each other, as well.

The pastors in Salta – a province up north- have begun coordinating a mid-year meeting as well, to keep the momentum going. We know it will be a great blessing. You were a part of this great blessing, and the encouragement they each took back to their ministries: Thank you so much!

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