

# ***The McCubbins***

Reaching the Spanish-speaking for Christ  
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Dear Supporters,

We want to begin by saying, "**Thank you for praying!**" We explained to you in our last letter that our branch work in San Juanito, Mexico has been without a full-time missionary to oversee it for some time. It has been a very heavy burden on our hearts. A year ago we asked **Missionaries Carlos and Lissette Di Leo**, who presently work in Uruguay, to pray about taking on that responsibility. They have 30 years of experience in church planting, and we know what a blessing they could be to the ministry in Mexico. Three weeks ago Carlos flew up here to Los Angeles and we went to San Juanito together. We spent a very busy week holding services, doing visitation and evangelism, and familiarizing Carlos with every aspect of the town of San Juanito.

While we were there we had the opportunity to lead 3 members of one family to Christ; Adolfo, Consuelo, and Adolfo Jr. Pray for their younger son, Herman (in the black shirt) that he too will be open to the gospel.

Carlos sparked a lot of excitement amongst the believers when they found out that he was considering going there to work full-time. They are anxious to have a stable work there.

We are happy to tell you that the Di Leos are convinced that this is what God has for them. **They've said "yes" to God's call.**



They see the tremendous need and the opportunities that await them in San Juanito. It is a field ready for harvest. Carlos is anxious to begin a Bible Institute there and use the DVD courses. He wants to start building leadership for the future.

The work in which the Di Leos are presently involved in Montevideo should be completely ready to function on its own within a matter of months. Then they will make the big move from Montevideo, Uruguay to Mexico. **Please pray for them.** They are lacking some of their support but we are confident that God will provide.

I am enclosing a letter that I did up for Carlos while he was here to introduce his family and ministry. I trust it will help you to better pray for them. We've known them for more than 20 years and really love and appreciate them. Carlos returned to Uruguay this morning. We covet your prayers for them.



**The work here in Los Angeles is progressing well.** One of our newest families came to us as a direct result of our ministry in Honduras. The Madrid family is from the church in Puerto Cortes where we have the DVD Seminary. When Pastor Maldonado found out that they were living here in Los Angeles, he contacted them and they have been coming ever since. I baptized their teenage son last week.

We've appreciated your prayers for the Seminary and DVD ministry. This has been a very productive year. We've turned out one class after another and have sent them to Mexico, Argentina, Paraguay, and Honduras. Our daughter Tina, who is an incredible teacher with a degree in Spanish, recorded the two Spanish Grammar Courses for us. She did a great job. Thankfully, we're coming up on summer break. I plan to go ahead and record a couple of courses during the summer but will not be under nearly as much pressure as I am during the actual school year.

In June, Elaine and I will be traveling to Mexico for a week and then on to the work in Honduras for a week. Pray that God will greatly use us there. Lord willing our granddaughter Jasmine will be going with us. We've appreciated your prayers for her through the years; believe it or not, she's going to be 18 in September. She's a real joy to our lives.

We trust you are as excited about how God is blessing as we are. You've had an important part in it! Thank you for your faithfulness in praying and giving.

Your servants and His,

**Mike and Elaine McCubbins**

The DI LEO FAMILY  
Serving Christ since 1978  
Missionaries to Uruguay since January 1984

*Withal praying also for us, that God would open unto us a door of utterance...  
To speak the mystery of Christ...  
Colossians 4:3*



Carlos & Lissette Di Leo:

I was raised in a nominally Catholic home. When I was 15 years old I got involved in drugs and was totally immersed in that life style for 4 years. But praise God, when I was 19 one of my drug addict buddies heard the Gospel message and was saved. God used him in my life and on August 1, 1974 I put my faith in Jesus Christ as my Savior. He changed my life! I was baptized and joined a local church where I was grounded in the Word and began serving Him.

From the time I was saved I had a burden for the lost around me and God gave me the opportunity to lead some of my drug addict friends to Christ.

Lissette was also saved and baptized as a teenager. She attended a youth camp and it was

there that she dedicated her life to full time Christian service. It was also there that we met. We both decided to study at the Bible Institute in Buenos Aires, Argentina. God brought us together in our mutual desire to serve our Savior. We completed our studies and were married on March 4<sup>th</sup> 1978.

God has blessed us with 2 sons, Pablo and Esteban, and a daughter, Laura. All 3 of our children were saved at a young age and I had the joy of baptizing them. They share our love for the ministry.

While Lissette and I were still in the Bible Institute we had the opportunity to work with some other students in a church planting ministry in a nearby town. It was a great experience for us.

We knew God was calling us to be Church Planters. In 1979 we began working with 2 missionary families in establishing 3 Independent Baptist Churches in Buenos Aires, Argentina: Carapachay, Don Torcuato, and Almagro. I served as pastor of the church in Carapachay.

Then God began to burden our hearts for the mission field, especially for the need we had seen in the country of Uruguay. The church in Carapachay called a new pastor and then commissioned us as Missionaries to Uruguay. They backed us with their prayers



and their financial support and in 1984 we moved to the capital city of Montevideo. We rented a house in which we also began holding church services. We did door to door evangelism and the Lord gave us souls. When we reached 17 that had been saved and baptized we rented separate facilities for the church.

In 1985 we started Bible Institute classes because we knew how important it was to

prepare teachers and pastors who would lead the Church in the future. By 1994 the church was completely on its own with 70 people in the congregation, 11 Sunday school teachers, a pastor and two deacons.

In 1995 we started a second church in Montevideo. God has blessed and that church should be completely on its own in 2009. **God has already opened another door of opportunity to us in San Juanito, Mexico, where we look forward to laboring for Him in the great job of world evangelism and church planting.**

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