

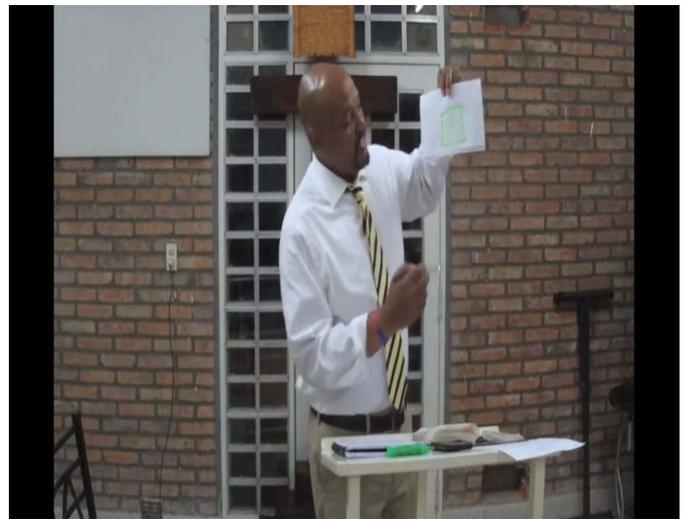


## Rosario, Argentina:

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If you were to ask me what Rosario, Argentina means to me, I would use one word....."Family". Throughout Rosario, families can be seen walking together, hanging out in local parks, enjoying empanadas and bread while drinking their favorite national beverage "Mate" (tea). The sense of family here is strong and that reminds me of God's desire to build His eternal family. As I do outreach here, I see great opportunities through the gospel to transition their focus on family into a greater purpose in God's family.

It's amazing to see entire families being won to Christ. Our local assembly here has been experiencing an increase of families visiting us and even joining the Church as well as many families returning after Covid. Also close to where I live there is a community of impoverished people which live in subpar housing. I have met many of them whom expressed their desire to have a church planted inside their community. This is a place where few outsiders dare to venture into and, not even the local law enforcement due to the severity of the criminal element. It was a miracle that I was able to go in there alone and minister for three days straight.



While I was there, I saw in the eyes of those I met, the hopeless and frustration of perhaps decades of unfulfilled dreams and empty futures. Every day I saw dozens of unkempt children, addicts, and broken families living out their lives in quiet desperation. This area is usually avoided and a place for outcasts. It reminds me of a similar area in the New Testament.... Samaria. Yet, in John 4:4 Christ declared, that "He must needs go through Samaria". I too feel compelled to go to this Samaria to preach the gospel and make Jesus Christ known. I look forward to returning in August, 2022 as there is much work to do in Argentina.

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