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Who says summer is a restful time? This summer (January and February) were packed full of events. We were definitely out of our routine! It started out with **CAMPS** in January. Our whole family usually does not help out during all the three weeks of camp, but this year, because of unforeseen circumstances, we were there more than usual, with Ben directing the last two weeks, and our whole family also helping in whatever needed to be done. It was great but exhausting.

Then, after a week back home, Rachelle rushed off to a LADIES' RETREAT on the west side of the country in the beautiful province of Mendonza. She had been asked to speak during the retreat, but also was able to enjoy the other speakers who spoke on the theme of prayer. At the end of February our whole family also attended a MISSIONARY and PASTORS' RETREAT out at camp. What an encouraging time to share and learn alongside others who are in full-time ministry here in Argentina.

Our first COUPLES' EVENT took place in February, with a banquet. One couple in the church was in charge. and planned it all wonderfully! We thank God that 8 couples came to invest in their marriages. On another note, Rachelle's paternal grandfather passed away at the end of February, and she flew up to Minnesota to be with her family for the FUNERAL. It was a sad, but also glad time for the family, as her grandfather, Oliver Courts, was a Christian and is now in heaven.



Kids and helpers from our church during the 12-14 yr old camp.



The speakers at the ladies' retreat in Mendoza.



Photo op at the Valentine banquet.
Guillermo and Mirta (pictured) planned it all!