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Jan 31, 1964

Dear Folks,

I have been meaning to write you but just haven’t sat down and written the letter. I received the money yesterday and Tommy’s letter also. We received a package from the Mission Home today and your letter was in it.

The weather here is good old humid weather and very hot. It has averaged between 32°C and 37°C every day I have been down here – 89 – 99+. Which is really hot. We have been working an extra hour at night and sleeping an hour during siesta time in the afternoon.

On my understanding Spanish, it is only when most of the words I haven’t heard before that I don’t understand.

San Nicolas is a lot larger than I said. It has between 70, & 80,000 people. It also is a very important port for this part of Argentina.

The work has been awful hard and we haven’t been too successful yet. It is because we are both new, but things are looking better. We have had two or three group meetings with friends of members and a few of the people have let us in when we have been tracting.

On the Construction – we have worked one day each week making block. They don’t have any commercial blocks in Argentina so they all have to be made by each construction firm. It is really hard but interesting work. There are five Argentine labor missionaries and two from the States. One, the supervisor and the other a full-time missionary that was asked to work full-time on construction. Because of the need for Chapels, there are five or six full-time missionaries working on Construction and they are calling all Argentine youths as labor missionaries and none anymoreas proselyting missionaries.

The food down here is really good, even if some is a lot different. We are living in a hotel and eat in Restaurants. We pay around $200 pesos a day for food which is about $1.50 and our room costs us $2250 pesos a month which is just under $20 for rent.

The people here are really wonderful and friendly. Their customs are different and they speak a different language but they are the same as those in the states.

Well, I am writing this during siesta time so if the letter is a little wrinkled, you will know why.

I better close and send this off.

Lots of love

Always

Gary