

MISSIONARY

Ron Hetherington's CHRISTMAS Letter

24th December

Greetings from a hot Christmas in Argentina! Temperatures are in the mid thirties. After sixty + years here in South America, I have never grown accustomed to Christmas in the heat. It just doesn't seem right !!! Maybe that's my excuse for never being ready for Christmas Give a thought for us exiles when you sing tomorrow:

- "In the bleak midwinter, frosty winds made moan
Earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone." !

Thank you very much for all your prayers and for the generous financial support and personal gifts that have come, and now for the generous gift from the Women's Own, just arrived. Please convey my thanks to everyone.

I am well, for which I thank the Lord, well, or shall we say "quite well", a bit unsteady on my legs, but a good walking stick helps a lot, and Susan and Sandra help greatly.

The rest of the family is well, except for Martin - our 2° grandson— he had a bad accident a fortnight ago when he fell 25 feet down a cliff at a seaside resort. He was taken to hospital where X rays showed a fractured pelvis & at least one of his vertebra. He was operated on a few days ago & will spend Christmas in hospital. His parents are with him. Of course he now has 2 months complete rest without moving. **Pray for him.**

We had our church Christmas celebration last Friday with the children taking a leading part, & me giving the message. Then tonight we have the Christmas dinner with some church members at Susan's home..

Tomorrow, the 25th. we join together - just our family - to celebrate the birth of the Lord, who though He was rich yet became poor so that we might be enriched with every spiritual blessing. What a wonderful Lord and Saviour!

Progress on the church ceiling. Part of the fitting is already in place and the sheets should be up very soon. Thank you for all the financial help that Upney has sent to make it possible to have this place suitable for our meetings.

May the LORD bless you all at this joyous season and may the New Year be enriched with HIS blessing each and every day. Special greetings to Pastor Jonny.

With love from all of the Hetheringtons & the church in Calle Terrada, Bahía Blanca,

Ron

(edited version) Do pick up a full letter from the back table

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**Mark & Florina Darvell** send good news: the Shoe-Boxes arrived safely on Friday 22nd. They have already given out a good number, all received with joy.

They express their sincere appreciation for these love gifts which mean so much to the poor children there in South Romania.



# In Touch

*Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,  
that we may rejoice and be glad all our days .*

*Psalm 90: 14*

SUNDAY 31ST DECEMBER 2017

## 10.30 AM MORNING MEETING

Welcome to our service this morning.

We welcome **David Thomas** to our pulpit.

**David** will be preaching from **Daniel ch. 1: 1-21**

**"Living in Exile"**

**A crèche facility is available for very young children should you require it during the morning service.**

**Following the service many of us will be enjoying refreshments together and we warmly welcome you to join us.**

## 6.00 PM EVENING SERVICE

**THERE IS NO EVENING SERVICE**

If you have any questions regarding today's service or concerning the church please speak to Dean (Elder) afterwards

Sermons are available in MP3 format on our website: [www.upneybaptist.org.uk](http://www.upneybaptist.org.uk)

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