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The Westlind Family Covenant Missionaries to Buenos Aires,Argentina

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Baptisms in Chile



CbCIPE students and teachers



Dedication of Radio 95.3



Singing Gaucho



Mark "on the air"



Rays of light shown down on our baptism service during the cbCIPE conference here in Argentina and Chile. Twenty two university stu-

dents attended the six week bible school/seminary coming all the way from Spain, Mexico, Ecuador, Uruguay, Colombia, Chile and Argentina. cbCIPE's mission is to

"prepare youth to live as Christ's disciples and

equip them for the ministries of the church."

You can get the whole story on our web site, just click on *MINISTRY*, and for the Baptism service click on *PRAISE* & *PRAYER* and for a plethora of pictures, click on *GALLERY*.

"El Poder En El Aire" radio 95.3

In life we all "wear many hats".....the Latin translation would say we "have more seats than a bus!" In one of my many roles as director of theological education for Argentina and Uruguay, I travel the countries teaching and equipping. In a recent trip to Bariloche and Jacobacci (about 20 hours south in the Patagonia from Buenos Aires) I had the privilege of participating, along with an Argentine Gaucho who loves to sing about Jesus, in the inauguration of a new Covenant radio station. The pastor of this town has had many ups and downs in his years of ministry and it is a testament to his faith that this Covenant Church and radio ministry have been only recently started and continue to experience significant growth. I was able to share a meditation in the studio and then have two sermons broadcast over the three days of services. The Gaucho is a traveling minstrel who sings folkloric songs and tangos with a Christian message. The crowd of 350 celebrated and were deeply touched by his songs of praise. City officials even came to several events during the three days of festivities.

At the end of the three days we finished the celebration with barbequed Patagonian lamb. It was a treat for ALL of your senses! Large platters of lamb entered the great hall and then with amazement I watched men and women in nice suits and dresses produce gaucho daggers which were sheathed with belts in the small of their backs! The lamb was carved up in seconds flat and we all devoured the succulent meat!

We Praise Him.....

- For another year of prayers and financial support graciously given by each of you on behalf of our entire family.
- For the privilege of sharing Jesus' message of love and salvation for all who God directs our way, again made possible with your support.
- For the successful Colegio Bíblico CIPE here in Argentina and Chile.
- For great school/university situations for all three of our children and for God's merciful hand of protection on them.
- Please see our PRAISE AND PRAYER page on our web site for more!

We Pray to Him

- Lord hear our prayer for each of the students and leaders of cbCIPE as they return to their home countries, that they would continually sense your hand directing their future in service to you.
- Lord hear our prayer for our Argentine Pastors and leadership continued vision for Argentina and the southern cone; sustain their passion and interest for theological education and training.
- Lord hear our prayer for the team coming from Montecito Covenant Church in Santa Barbara this month. Please see our PRAISE & PRAYER page on our web site for their blog!

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A personal note.....

Mark and I have always believed that the spreading of the gospel is about <u>presence</u>: God's presence in our lives and in turn our physical presence in the lives of others. 2008 has brought with it the desire to reaffirm this belief. We all experience the blessings of the computer however the curse may be a growing preference for it over contact with human beings!



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