



## THE BELLA VISTA EXPERIENCE

### Experiencing the Beautiful View of God's Work in Corrientes, Argentina

*And he said to them, "Follow me,  
and I will make you fishers of men."  
Matthew 4:19*



## MISSION

To know God and make God known in Corrientes Province, Argentina

## STRATEGY

The outline of The Bella Vista Experience is designed to be specific enough to establish a workable plan for reaching the lost in Argentina (emphasizing a vision for missionary recruitment) while maintaining a generality that allows for flexibility. Keeping this in mind, the general strategy for reaching the province of Corrientes can be defined as city-centric.

Corrientes is a province in northeastern Argentina with a population of more than 1,000,000 people. At present, there are three established Bible-believing churches or groups of believers reaching out to those 1,000,000 people. This proportion is both impractical and unsustainable. For that reason, we desire to recruit missionaries and form partnerships to meet the intense need here in the province. To that goal for the purposes of God's glory and message, we propose the following strategy, desiring to recruit 20 missionaries in 20 years. The province will be divided up into ten zones.

Each zone represents a land area with a considerable population without access to a Bible-believing church. At the center of each zone is one primary city (usually the largest city) in which a team of missionaries may focus their first efforts at church planting. As the Lord raises up a functioning body of believers in that principal city, the missionaries (ideally with the help of the nationals) can begin looking and establishing works (i.e. a Bible study) in nearby towns.

The primary cities of each zone are prioritized in the following manner:

## VISION

Instituting an elegant ministry in the province of Corrientes by establishing churches in ten strategic cities through the following endeavors:

- **Drafting** new missionaries
- **Declaring** God's Word to unbelievers
- **Discipling** new believers
- **Developing** leaders with mature believers

1. Goya
2. Mercedes
3. Saladas
4. Corrientes
5. San Luis del Palmar
6. Mburucuyá
7. Curuzú Cuatiá
8. Pasos de Los Libres
9. Santo Tomé
10. Esquina

To advance the work in Corrientes, the work would begin in Goya and work in a northern and easterly direction, placing missionaries in each of the primary cities. Each zone requires the work of at least two missionary units. Therefore, recruitment of missionaries is a necessary task and will take on two parts: national partnership and international partnership.

### National Partnership

The first phase is to coordinate partnership with existing national churches (this includes churches in Mercedes, Corrientes, and Resistencia) and future churches. The status of the current churches suggests that a plan of leadership development would be profitable for these churches. While developing the international partnership, current missionaries will work alongside existing churches to provide discipleship and training as an aide to the sustainability of those churches. During this phase, missionaries will seek to work with the local pastor(s) to identify and train national workers and leaders. Our goal here is to help the local church and pastor, not supplant him, and therefore we will work in a way that is cautious, respectful, and mutually beneficial.

Missionaries will seek to involve these national churches in church planting efforts. This involvement may include, but is not limited to participation in events, evangelism, discipleship, classes, and providing temporary and/or permanent national workers.

### International Partnership

Current missionaries on the field will partner with one or two key pastors in the United States to aide missionary recruitment. These pastors will be responsible for developing a team of additional pastors who will work together to raise awareness, educate others, and recruit missionaries from within their own congregations or those that they may have contact with. When appropriate, these missionaries may include individuals or families who desire to enter the field as tentmakers. It is recommended that these pastors coordinate with missionaries to organize a 'vision' trip to the proposed field in order to fully understand the ministry in its present condition and the goals that the team is seeking to accomplish.

Missionaries and pastors will work together to provide adequate communication and opportunities to one another for the purposes of promoting The Bella Vista Experience. This may include visits to the field (when convenient and appropriate) by pastors and those interested in the project and visits to those churches supporting the project from the United States by missionaries (again when convenient and appropriate). This will foster a relationship in which all those involved are deeply invested together in the success of the project for God's glory. Working together, the people of Corrientes can experience the salvation of God.



## OUTCOMES

An established church in each city, led primarily by a team of nationals ministering to nationals that has the following three characteristics:

- **Thriving:** A group of believers being transformed and seeking to be a sacrifice for the Lord (Romans 12:1-2).
- **Sustaining:** A body of believers that is not reliant on outside support, but instead has a growing group of disciples, qualified national leadership in place, and a means for continuing ministry without missionary support (Ephesians 4:4-16).
- **Reproducing:** A vision for fulfilling the Great Commission by reaching out to the community, culture, and creation (Matthew 28:19-20; cf. Acts 1:8).

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