

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW

1-3 – Introduction: Jesus is the _____

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The _____
of the _____

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What to _____
from the _____

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The Response _____
the King
and
The Response _____
the King

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What it really _____
to _____
the King

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Matthew 14-18 Overview

What it Really Means to Follow Jesus – 3 Major Themes:

1. A _____ of who Jesus is
2. A _____ of _____ to trust Jesus
3. _____ your _____ to become like Jesus

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Over 30 years ago, I proposed to those who would like to pray for us, to use the following areas as a guide: Safety, Strength, Servant's Heart, Shepherd's Heart, Soldier's Heart, Stretchable, Study time, Satisfying devotional habits, Strong marriage relationship, Souls saved, Support (prayer and financial).

In our last update, we had asked prayer for Wendy to recover from an ear infection. It took a trip to the doctor, but he was able to help her. He was the answer to our prayers. Within just a couple days afterward, she not only was relieved of the pain but also could hear much better!

Although Uruguay has restrictions for public gatherings, we have still been able to have an outreach. Our kitchen has become quite the "ministry of good taste!" Wendy and Elizabeth have been extra busy making things to share with others: salsa, many batches of cinnamon rolls, various breads and cakes, apple butter, caramel corn and other delicacies. We don our trusty social distancing masks and deliver these goodies to neighbors, contact and church family. When they're not cooking, Wendy and Elizabeth are busy crocheting hats, slippers, and other items to give out as well. These things are extra useful as our winter is approaching.

Elizabeth and Wendy also have had outreaches via social media. Daniela has been open and interested in spiritual things after being so distant for many months. Lorena has been listening to Bible messages that Elizabeth has sent her, after being skeptical for years. Marita tells Wendy that she knows nothing of the Bible but wants passages (with an explanation) to read to her elderly mother. Two different Ana's have been in contact with Wendy, having an interest in Christianity.

I've had opportunity to share our flier, "What is the Remedy?", with several people. Last week, we needed to call a plumber. Alvaro has done some work for us at the church. This was the first time he's been in our home. As he was leaving, I gave him the flier and asked him if he's ever heard the gospel before. He was honest and said, no. Earlier last week, we had a veterinarian at our home. I spent a good hour with him, talking about God in our conversation. Gabriel told me he's has some interest in God and has visited a good church which is many miles away. Gabriel lives only two blocks from our house. When he heard of our church, he said he'd be taking his family there after the lockdown. Just last night, Wendy and I were at a gas station. When I handed the attendant (no self-serve gas in Uruguay) the flier, I told him it had a Bible message and to read it when he had time. He just stood there a few moments, looking at it and said that his mom died a few months ago. Since that time he said, "I've been talking to God." It sounds like God was preparing his heart to receive the tract. Our neighbor, Ana, is well in her 80's – very Italian and very Catholic. Wendy and I have been able to share faith in Christ with her. She seems to be receptive and understanding her need for the Saviour. Please keep praying. People here in Montevideo are not generally open to the gospel. God is certainly at work in this atheistic society.

One more item for prayer. This year marks 11 years that I've used hearing aids. Over the years I've had to adjust my approach to ministry because of my hearing loss. In these days of social distancing and precautions, 'distancing' makes it harder to hear people. The facemask also makes hearing people more of a challenge. Not only does it muffle speech, it also keeps me from seeing the movement of people's mouths.

- 1) Thank the Lord that our medical bills are paid off!
- 2) Thank the Lord for special support that allows a roof to be installed on our church building!
- 3) Please pray for God's direction in each of our children's lives as they serve Him.