

# ARGENTINA

BOYS AND GIRLS MISSIONARY CHALLENGE





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**This Project Guide is to help lead us in prayer for the people of Argentina and our missionaries, Chris and Heather Schneider.**



These Boys and Girls Missionary Challenge Project Guides are created to present an opportunity to partner with a specific missionary, via designated giving, culturally specific prayer, and similar serving opportunities to the featured missionary. Use this Project Guide on a regular basis to *bring missions to life by developing a heart of generosity* in your kids' ministry! Our hope is that you will use this simple tool to teach your kids about evangelism, both in the global and local context. For your convenience, we have included a link so you can download all media for this Project Guide. See link below (case sensitive).

<http://bit.ly/BGMCSchneiderMedia>

## GPS – GIVE PRAY SERVE

BGMC exists to help kids *give, pray, and go (GPS)* with missionaries around the world. One of the ways a heart of generosity can be measured is through a few actionable items: how are the kids in your ministry giving? How are they praying? How are they serving? We want to measure the effectiveness of a child's missional heart through their own desire to give, their own desire to pray, and their own desire to serve. You are leading kids in *prayer* for children in other parts of the world. God is calling many of them to *go* across cultures and tell people about Jesus. Consider *giving* toward those who are ministering to the unreached corners of the Earth. A giving form is attached at the end of this Project Guide and we hope that you consider contributing toward this excellent ministry. The Project Fundraising Goal is **\$10,000**; once that goal is met, remaining funds will be donated towards critical needs – such as food, Bibles, water, clothes, medicine, shelter – for missionaries on the field. Donations to the critical needs fund may be made at any time throughout the year.

As your commitment is an agreement between you and God, it is understood that you may revise it at any time. Once a need is met, we reserve the privilege of redirecting funds to the BGMC Critical Needs Account. If the pledged amount is not met, BGMC reserves the right to redirect the church or district's undesignated funds.

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## PART 1 – THE ARGENTINIAN

Argentina is a country located in the southern half of South America. It is the eighth largest country in the world and the largest Spanish-speaking nation. Argentina has all sorts of weather. It can be below freezing in the winter and over 100 degrees in the summer! The one big difference from the U.S. is the rainy season is in the summertime, so there is lots of rain, humidity, and mud in the summer.

- Pray that people would share God's love with the Argentinians.
- In Jujuy only about 1% of the people are in right relationship with God. Pray with us for God to move mightily and see thousands of people begin to follow Jesus.



## PART 2 – INTRODUCING THE SCHNEIDER FAMILY

Chris and Heather Schneider are missionaries to the people of Argentina. They grew up in Washington state and are based out of Grandview, Washington. They have four kids - Nathanael (age 15), Aliana (age 13), Jonathan (age 12), and Timothy (age 5). Heather grew up in church and felt God's call into missions when she was about five years old. Chris did not grow up in church, but received Christ when he was in High School. It was after he experienced lots of short-term foreign missions that he felt the call to full-time foreign missions. He was about 35 years old at the time.

The Schneider's role in missions is to plant new churches in Jujuy, Argentina – the most unreached part of the entire country and one of the most unreached parts of all of Latin America.



- Pray for the Schneider's four kids. It is difficult to live in another country far from family and friends, speak a different language, navigate a different culture, etc.
- Pray that the Schneider's would help plant many churches in Argentina.

## PART 3 – LIFE IN ARGENTINA

Kids in Argentina LOVE soccer. They are really good at it. A lot of the girls also play field hockey.

Argentiniens favorite foods are not that different than ours in the U.S. They like hot dogs, potato chips, hamburgers, etc. Argentina is FAMOUS for its giant grill cookouts called "Asados" (Ah-SAW-doughs). While they do like fruits and veggies, they love grilled meat. 😊

In the winter when it is really cold, most houses do not have heat so they eat hot & heavy foods to stay warm. They eat a fantastic soup/stew called "Locro" (LOW-crow) that is thick and filled with meats, veggies and sausages. They also drink a strange looking but great tasting drink called "Api" (AH-pee) that is made from purple cornmeal, cinnamon, cloves, and sugar. It is very thick, hot & purple but super yummy.



- Pray the kids would know how much God loves them and that they are precious in God's eyes, every single one.
- Pray that God will use the Schneider family in creative ways to reach the loads of kids that live in Jujuy. Many live in very sad and abusive circumstances.

## PART 4 – MANY RELIGIOUS BACKGROUNDS

The main religion in the Jujuy area is Roman Catholicism. It looks a lot like Christianity but denies that salvation comes from Jesus alone. They feel like they have to do lots of good deeds to hopefully earn God's forgiveness and get to go to Heaven. Strangely enough, they also mix in all sorts of beliefs and practices from old indigenous religions,

Satanism & the occult too. They worship lots of different idols, people from the past, and even the earth itself. It is very dark, weird and sad.

Because Catholicism has been present for more than 300 years, most people are familiar with Jesus and the concept of sin. So everyone feels guilt for their sins and are quick to ask God to forgive them. But it stops there. Soon afterward, they just go back to their old way of life. They think of God like a Cosmic Vending Machine – when they need something from Him, they go ask for it. When they get it, they turn their back and walk away, going on with life as before.

- Pray that people would be dissatisfied with the false religions and non-existent made up gods.
- Pray that Argentinians will worship and have a hunger for the One, True, and Only God of the Universe.



## PART 5 – NEEDS OF THE CHURCH

One of the biggest needs of the Christian church in Argentina is to be bold and brave when talking to other people about Jesus. Many of the churches are small and inward focused – more of a “holy huddle” than the vibrant church of Jesus.

Another extreme is that some of the churches are very legalistic. Because of rampant sin in the community, people in the church desire to stay “clean” before God so they choose to not be around non-followers of Jesus for fear of being dirtied by them. It is tough to reach lost people if you can’t even be around them.



- Pray that the churches in Jujuy would reach out to the lost around them and help new people to follow Jesus.
- Pray that legalism would be replaced with a pure and deep love for Jesus.

## PART 6 – THE PROJECT

The Schneider's focus is on planting new churches. They will use the funds to buy Bibles, tracts, discipleship materials & promotional material for outreaches.

All of the promotional materials are to be passed out to the people in the community. The tracts will help raise awareness of the need to follow Jesus. Once someone decides to accept Christ as Forgiver and Leader of their lives, the Schneider's will give them a Bible and discipleship materials to grow in their relationship with God. Funds raised will help to purchase these necessary items.

Reaching people for Christ, strengthening and developing their Christian walk, equipping them with tools like Bibles and other discipleship materials are all key components of planting new churches.

- Pray for more Argentinians to be called by God to plant new churches in Jujuy. For committed people who can work alongside the Schneider's to plant new churches
- Pray for the Pastors in Argentina to have many fruitful years of service there.



## PART 7 – MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

There are a variety of needs within the different neighborhoods of Jujuy. To meet these needs, the Schneider's have done feeding programs, clothing drives, and even offered free haircuts. Everyone wants to learn English so they often help kids with their studies and even give music lessons.

The Schneider's work closely with a bakery owner who hosts trainings for both kids and parents on how to make different types of breads or pastries at home. Then the people sell them to make money. In this process, the people are learning business and marketing skills as well.

Many times you can find the Schneider family simply hanging out in the neighborhoods playing with kids and talking with the teens that live there. This provides the young people in Jujuy a quality adult in their life that they know loves them and is there for them.



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