

Right: Two 15-year-old Argentine youths starting out for a street meeting. Far right: Even preachers' kids help with street ministry!



next to a sailboat under construction.

Thus with a sailboat in one corner and a pulpit and altar in the other, God blessed the growing congregation. Later the newly finished vessel competed in the famous Buenos Aires—Rio de Janeiro regatta and won!

Eventually Brother Regge became a full-time pastor, and the shop became a full-time church. Today 900 or more worship regularly in the ship shop. While it is admittedly unattractive on the outside and less than adequate on the inside, a powerful sense of God's presence pervades each corner of the old building.

A new 2,000-seat sanctuary is now nearing completion just a block from the present building, to serve the ever-growing Olivos church. Thirteen branch churches scattered all over the province testify to the life and reproductive capacity of the church.

This past year the church expanded its ministry to include an

knew very little about this city, but God impressed us with its challenge.

Other missionary priorities and needs on the field forced us to postpone the fulfillment of that burden, but now the doors have opened, and we find ourselves here with the challenge still fresh upon our hearts.

As we begin formulating strategy for a spiritual invasion, we sense an excitement and awe, for we know we are here in God's will and in step with His perfect timing. We are confident that He who is "not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance" (2 Peter 3:9) is about to do great things in Mendoza. We are praying to be used as part of God's divine plan.

Prayer meetings have been organized among our national pastors, and we are believing together for a great spiritual awakening. The local grape vineyards have recently yielded a bountiful harvest. And we know the fields here are ripe for a great harvest of souls—a bountiful ingathering of spiritual fruit. *✍*

hour-long television program, *Word and Testimony*. This reaches most of Buenos Aires province and, through recently purchased air-time in the metropolis of Rosario, the program is also being extended some 200 miles beyond the capital.

Other cities and provinces are targeted for the near future, but

meanwhile daily mail testifies to the growing number who are being saved and healed through the program. And there's more ahead as Pastor Regge and the Olivos congregation reach out to win Argentina before Jesus comes. The church born in a ship shop continues to rescue the perishing! *✍*

MISSIONETTES, ROYAL RANGERS, AND PRAYING FRIENDS

By JANET HEDMAN
Missionary to Argentina

Tears of joy and gratitude welled in my eyes! It was the final day of our 1981 district Missionettes and Royal Rangers camp in the mountains of Cordoba. God had blessed in a marvelous way the 150 children and leaders present.

This was my first experience in organizing and planning a camp as the district Missionettes leader. Our district includes seven provinces, and the program is very new. We had asked special prayer from our supporting churches in the USA for this camp.

As I prepared to give my parting words to the children, the Lord gently reminded me of the many churches and believers who had been backing us in prayer. It was as though He said, *Do you see, Jan, how powerful are the united prayers of My people—even though they are thousands of miles away?*

My eyes filled with tears as I shared with the youth, ranging in age from 8 to 17 years, about the prayers on our behalf from friends in the USA. Not one eye was dry as all the campers sensed the love of friends and the sweet presence of the Holy Spirit.

Twenty of the young people found Christ as Saviour during the camp; 17 were baptized in the Holy Spirit, including our daughter Carmita; and

all had been broken in the presence of the Lord. The days were filled with Bible study and devotions in the mornings; and games, swimming in the river, mountain climbing, hand-work, and sports in the afternoons. But the highlight of each day was the evening service where many spiritual victories were won. Joy filled the camp, and the children didn't want it to end.

At the close of camp I was impressed to pray that God would supply a campground for our district. Both campers and leaders joined me. At present we must rent facilities from other organizations, and this impedes our district programs greatly. We were 150 in a place that had 78 beds! You can imagine how we had to double up and lay mats all over. We are believing that God will provide a campground for us. *✍*

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