

Bro. Poitras,

I apologize for the time that has passed since my trip to Buenos Aires, Argentina for the GATS Teacher Training Seminar. I did promise a report with pictures. This is that ... which I promised! What an awesome privilege I had to be invited to assist in this historic, first-ever GATS teacher training seminar for Argentina/Uruguay/Paraguay! The Sponslers and their team in Argentina outdid themselves in making our time there unforgettable! What wonderful hosts!

From the very beginning, there was a spirit of eager anticipation that was palpable. The seminar was kicked off by greetings from Bro. Mike Sponsler and GATS Coordinator Bro. Joe Bir. The Lord gave me tremendous rapport with the teachers, and what a fantastic time we had in each of the sessions I had the privilege to teach. For me it was a very emotional, special time of homecoming, as it was the first time for me to minister in Argentina since we left there 16 years ago. Some who were my students are now teaching there, and it really moved me deeply to see this.

Bro. Joe Bir and Bro. Mike Walmer did an excellent job in their sessions, and the Lord used them mightily. I believe that this seminar has generated a high level of enthusiasm for GATS in the southern cone of South America, and Bro. Bir is to be congratulated for everything he is doing to promote GATS in the region.



Bro. Sponsler greets some of the first to arrive.



Miss. Mike Walmer and GATS Rep. Joe Bir



We eventually had a pretty good turnout of teachers and missionaries. Each had their prepared materials.





Sis. Godoy is the widow of former Natl. Secretary Carlos Godoy who passed away while we were missionaries in Argentina many years ago. It was very touching to see he again ... still teaching in the Bible School!



Climbing up to the classrooms, is this lovely sight! Bro. Joe Bir gives the welcome to the seminar.



In one session, we break out in small groups to work on values / mission statement. Great fun!



We had 3 breakout groups working simultaneously. This is a student promo display for the Argentina Bible School.



The Argentinos went all out to prepare excellent food, and in a very special atmosphere. They were excited!



We were very blessed by every teacher. Bro. Sponsler also had great words of motivation for everyone.



Drinking "mate" the hot herbal tea in this region, good for digestion! Yours truly had a fantastic time teaching here.



It is so easy to teach a motivated, eager group of people.



Bro. Walmer was very anointed in his teaching!



At one point, the Holy Ghost swept over us all, moving us deeply. A spirit of intercession moved into the room.





As I finished the session on Teacher & His Responsibility, people began to weep and pray, then moved around the room, praying for each other.



There was a deep burden to accept the challenge of reaching our nations through teaching.



What an absolutely amazing way to wrap up this seminar! Oh, how the Lord touched our lives with His Spirit!