

## **Rebirthing of a “New Argentina” Rescuing a Nation in Crisis**

The world knows well of the December 2001 financial and political implosion that Argentina suffered, resulting in national bankruptcy and severe social upheaval. *What the world does not know so well is that in the midst of the chaos, the Church of Argentina has risen up with hope, and vision to find a place of favor and leadership to influence the nation for a better future.*

### **From 1990 to 2002**

Argentina has been used by God over the years as a fountain of blessing to the nations of world in a myriad of ways: renewal, revival, refreshing, holiness, evangelism, and understanding in spiritual warfare. The host of vibrant, world-renowned leaders – people like Juan Carlos Ortiz, Luis Palau, Eduardo Lorenzo, Claudio Freidzon, Sergio Scataglini, Carlos Annacondia, Omar and Marfa Cabrera - have brought life and hope to the Church and the lost alike.

Most of what we at Harvest Evangelism know today about prayer evangelism, city reaching, and marketplace transformation has its roots in Argentina. The city reaching effort in Resistencia, Argentina, in 1990 has helped make prayer evangelism and city reaching household terminology in Christendom today.

As part of our 2002 Harvest Evangelism City Reaching and Marketplace Conference (October 29-November 8, 2002), we set up a “Canopy of Prayer” over the nation by teaming up with local pastors and intercessors in 5 spiritually strategic cities. Prayer was powerful, and immediate, even dramatic, answers brought instant hope. In the case of Iguazú in the north, an Al Qaeda training post was discovered just days after the church prayed specifically for the unveiling of evil in the region.

A few days later during the Conference proper, conference delegates visited over 2000 business establishments in the heart of our host city, Mar del Plata, to offer prayer for merchants immersed in hopelessness due to the severe recession. Many of them publicly recognized Jesus as their Savior and Lord of their businesses. 500 requested a follow-up visit! National press is currently reporting that *unemployment in Argentina has decreased 25%* and that *the merchants in Mar del Plata are having “the best season ever!”*

### **From 2003 into the Future**

This is a kairos moment in the history of Argentina. The government is in transition. New elections will be held in the Spring of 2003. Intercession on a worldwide scale could put the nation on a godly course. The economic structure is in transition. Redeeming the marketplace is the key to transforming the city. Redeeming the cities is the key to redeeming the nation. The evangelical church is the only viable institution for real transformation in society.

By the grace of God, Harvest Evangelism has a favorable relationship with pastors in all the major cities throughout Argentina. They have been implementing prayer evangelism. In that context, the leaders of the evangelical church throughout Argentina signed a proclamation in November, 2002 to rebirth the nation on a foundation of righteousness.

Recently the Lord clearly impressed upon my heart that He wants people everywhere embracing nation transformation by 2005, and to that end He was entrusting us with the development of a prototype in Argentina in 2003. *We believe that the Lord is going to use the “New Argentina” vision not only to restore a nation, but to establish this new paradigm in the Body of Christ.*

## **STRATEGIC OVERVIEW: Rebirthing of a “New Argentina” – 2003**

The Vision: Establish a “New Argentina”

The Objective: Bring the kingdom of God to an entire nation

The Strategy: Synergize international assistance with national initiative to create a prototype for national transformation that will reproduce among the nations of the world.

### *1. Lay the Foundation in ARGENTINA*

- Establish leadership for the vision by convening recognized apostolic leaders from every province of Argentina.
- Strengthen intercession by connecting existing intercessory movements in a National Network of Strategic Intercession.
- Link key godly influencers in the marketplace them to bring transformation to their sphere of influence.

### *2. Partner with the Nations of the World for Sowing and Reaping*

- Recruit international apostolic leaders to adopt a province in Argentina and to lead a team of apostles, prophets, intercessors, and marketplace Christians to that province.
- Sow into each of the 23 Provinces and the Federal Capital to provide spiritual and material assistance.
  - Mobilize intercession for that province.
  - Assemble a team for a Short Term Mission Trip in late June, 2003.
  - Assemble a team for the International City Reaching and Marketplace Transformation Conference in late October, 2003.
  - Send a container of medical supplies and clothing to the province.  
*The contents will be donated by major corporations. Shipping cost will be raised by participating congregations and delegations.*
  - Scholarship pastors from the adopted province to participate in the International Conference.
  - Seek ways to address other social and economic needs.

### *3. Impact the Nation*

- Impact the nation through a catalytic series of country-wide events in October, 2003. These events will include:
  - The simultaneous ministry trips to each of the 23 Provinces of Argentina and Federal Capital.
  - A nationally-televised Solemn Assembly connecting each of the 23 Provinces and Federal Capital to intercede for the nation.
  - The International Conference on City Reaching and Marketplace Transformation.
  - Ministry in the marketplace at every possible level of influence.
- Synergize both the international and the national team in the province adopted to move forward the cause of city and marketplace transformation in both places.

## **Strategic Path for 2003**

- Feb. 24-26, 2003: Prayer Evangelism Summit, Colorado Springs, CO  
Focus: *Marketplace Transformation at the national level*
- February-March: 40 Days of Prayer culminating in the national elections slated for late March.
- March, 2003: Meetings in Argentina with apostolic leaders from the provinces.
- June 26-July 6, 2003: Short Term Mission Trip to partner with national leaders and provide special training in the principles of marketplace transformation.
- September, 2003: Shipment of containers to Argentina.
- October, 2003: International Conference on City reaching and Marketplace Transformation.
- January, 2004: Prayer Evangelism Summit, (Place to be announced)  
Focus: *Applying the Paradigms for Nation Reaching*

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### **Blueprint for The 2003 Harvest Evangelism City Reaching and Marketplace Transformation Conference**

On the first weekend of the conference international delegates will team up again with national delegates in each one of the 23 provinces and the Federal Capital where the apostolic leaders will convene the church in a covered arena. All 24 gatherings will be linked by radio and TV in order to turn them into a National Solemn Assembly *a la* 2 Chronicles 7:14. As a tangible expression of repentance, the Church in each province will present to the governor containers of donated goods, and will also take an offering for the poor and the needy.

At noon on the following day, Sunday, local marketplace Christians will host their international peers - bankers with bankers, housewives with housewives, students with students, firefighters with firefighters - in a fraternal meal to "talk shop." At the end of the meeting, the internationals will have an opportunity to pray for the nationals and to share Christ with those that do not know Him yet. The intended purpose is to impact thousands of people in the marketplace on one day at about the same time to bring healing to that vital part of the city and the nation. Later in the day, the canopy of prayer will be set firmly in place through intercessory and prophetic acts all over the city and the province.

On Monday, delegates will return to the capital, Buenos Aires, where from Wednesday through Saturday delegates from all over the country will constitute themselves as a Spiritual Constitutional Convention. Each day different groups of influencers will be equipped and commissioned to take the kingdom of God into their respective spheres of influence - media, government, business, arts, etc. By Saturday, the Church will be in position to make a "Declaration of Spiritual Independence" from the powers of evil that have controlled Argentina to this point.

We believe that as a result of these initiatives, the firstfruits of spiritual changes we have seen already will only increase, the entire nation will be blessed the way Mar del Plata has been in 2002, and the nations of world will be touched with renewed vision.