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Preparing for the World Missions Congress to be held in Kenya

The 7th World Missions Congress sponsored by the World Assemblies of God Fellowship Missions Commission will be held in Kenya in Oct of this year. In February Brad went to Kenya to continue to work with the task force on logistics. He also was able to share with the Executive Prysbyters and District Leaders. (Page 2) Pray for this event as it will be the first WAGF event on African soil! Being a congress, it is open to anyone! Some of you might wish to attend and would be welcome.

[Www.kenyacongress2024.com](http://www.kenyacongress2024.com)



Spring or Fall Missions

Emphasis

Brad tries to reserve one-two Sundays each Spring and Fall for churches who might be having a missions emphasis, or convention. Fall of 2025 or Spring/Fall 2026 are open if you are interested.

Missions Commission Meeting in Budapest

Our World Assemblies of God Fellowship Missions Commission meets once a year. This year our meeting will be in Budapest, Hungary, May 21-24. Every few years we have a joint meeting with the Pentecostal World Fellowship Missions Commission and that takes place this year. Thanks for your prayers for our meetings!



Challenging Kenya in a Strategic Moment

We work with 119 Missions Sending Departments or structures in 107 countries. Two of them are brand new, and Brad had mentoring/orientation sessions with them in April! Some countries are just getting started. Other countries have years of a Missions Dept., but have been unable to get the correct response that results in sending foreign missionaries. One of those is Kenya. One of our largest national churches, with 4,000 congregations, though they have sent domestic cross cultural church planters, they have never sent a foreign missionary as a national church. In preparing for the World Congress, Brad had a chance to share with the Executive Presbyters and District leaders.

It was a moving time, and God gave Brad a “word from the Lord” for their situation, addressing why they had not been able to respond and what they needed to do to see a breakthrough and change.



Ivory Coast is the only African country to send out over 100 missionaries. (And they have had their growth in the last 10 years, in spite of suffering a civil war during part of that time)! Yet Africa has over 8 countries with a million adherents! We are praying for a breakthrough in Africa!



Celebrating past and present victories

As most of you recall, we lived in Argentina for 27 years. Though our main focus there was raising up the Missions Sending vision and structure, we also had the joy of participating in several church plants. One of these took place in 2002, in the midst of one of the worst crisis in Argentine history. They had had 5 presidents in 10 days in December of 2001. The massive devaluation that followed gave missionaries a “window” to purchase a strategic piece of land in the city of “Pilar,” which had grown from 5,000 to 50,000 in a just a few years. Former Argentine missionaries to Paraguay, Nestor and Mabel Maggi, were chosen to be the pioneering pastors.

We were honored to be with them for their 21st anniversary last November. They were grateful and thanked us for sowing and investing in them. It was a celebration of the fulfillment of a vision fulfilled and a church planted that is blessing hundreds in their city!



Pictures: With Pastors Nestor and Mabel; a view of one of their two Sunday services; and a birthday cake and candle to celebrate their 21st birthday!



Photo below: It was a joy to share time in March with veteran missionary Rocco Ditrolio and his wife Daiana for the 10th anniversary of their church in San Isidro, Argentina, and their annual missions emphasis! We've known Rocco for almost 40 years!

