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Report on the Situation of CoDA in Argentina

Before

Our local fellowship had troubles in times of COVID and too many groups had to close. For some time Argentinian CoDA members met by zoom in an informal way and others continued his recoveries in online meetings of CoDA Mexico, Colombia and other countries, but in most cases in cities like Buenos Aires, Cordoba or Catamarca didn't reopen again.

In my opinion, I think that not having been in fluid contact with CoDA Worldwide, letting us guide was a big mistake. Other mistakes...allow photocopying official CoDA literature, a badly common practice here in South American countries. These two things, we are now Group Conscience to not repeat. For example we are now in contact with the World Connections Committee (WCC), and we met today with them; and with the Outreach Spanish Committee too, that collaborated us with invaluable information.

Now

Fortunately, last year we can reopen our presential group here in Buenos Aires (Siempre Juntos), and now we are registered in the Coda Worldwide Directory (WAR 007). At the moment we have one day of meeting, on Friday but we have plans to open other days, presential or hybrid, and online too.

Other good news is that we aren't the only group...it exists other meeting in El Bolson City, in Rio Negro called "El Nido". Daiana, her GSR informs us that they meet all Saturday mornings. They are ten members, in many cases with knowledge from others 12 steps programs and in most cases women. They have similar problems as Buenos Aires: less people in conditions to be sponsor, without many literature and starting in the adventure of working steps and traditions. We are in contact and with plans in common, for example Step Study Groups with the Thirty Questions material.

We are in contact with other CoDA members too like Nadia, ex GSR of Grupo Albricias from Catamarca (closed at the moment) talking about service projects.

In Buenos Aires we have too much work to do, especially Public Information and Literature. At this moment we have available for newcomers only the pamphlets of free download, and old copies of the blue book pocket and the Step and Traditions workbook, but we don't have literature to sell. We are planning strategies to improve this topic and in order to have more official literature, we are available to receive your feedback and advice. The financial part is another trouble in this case because we have an average attendance of ten people per meeting and we are really four trust servants, but we want to do the thing in the CoDA way, respecting CoDA and its copyright.

The most important thing and the topic that we are working hard right now is improving our welcome format for newcomers, and our regular format because we have now, six or eight years later than CoDA started in Buenos Aires, many changes on CoDA worldwide and new tools (for example the 11th Tradition, new prayers like the new version of Serenity Prayer, the Twelve Traditions prayers, new versions of pamphlets, the twelve concepts alive booklet, etc.). We are in a good process of renovation, and thinking especially in the sponsorship tool and how to show better to the newcomers the importance of working the steps and traditions. For example, we found one tool called "The First 14 Days" created by CoDA Australasia, one structured sponsorship program. We translated the

documents to Spanish, and recently CoDA Australasia gave us permission to use that. We expect can be a good tool for co-sponsorships or temporary sponsorships.

We expect you news with joy and hope.

Thanks a lot for your attention.

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