

Under the Southern Cross...

Teachers of Good Things

September 2018

"We all have older women to learn from, and we all have younger women to teach," I told the ladies in my two weekly Bible studies (called *Tiempo de Mujer*, Women's Time, in our church). While I've taught many women's classes over the years since I was quite young (25?), it almost comes as a shock to find myself counted among the "old" ones now! I recently celebrated my 60th birthday, and the church folks kindly surprised me with a huge party that evening after prayer meeting (Aug. 30). There might be a few who are older than I am, but these days most are younger—and sometimes by a lot. (*I'm the second from the right in the photo to the side.*)

What a marvelous opportunity this gives me to be a teacher by word and example of the "good things" mentioned in Titus 2, which is the focus of our study this year. I also receive frequent invitations to speak at other ladies' events in the area, the most recent an annual retreat at a nearby camp. I love it all, though it's certainly a formidable challenge and responsibility. May the Lord continue to give me His wisdom and insight to address effectively, through His changeless Word, the issues affecting their lives and our world.



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While "my" younger women are the moms with small children (such as **Johanna, Galit, Carolina, Rocío, Cristel, Miriam, Carla, Gisel, and Daniela**, etc.), I am so thankful for the ministry of older women in my life! One of them is former missionary co-worker, **Helen Prado**, now living in Dowling Park, Florida. While briefly in the US/Canada during the summer, my friend, **Debbie Gibbons**, and I traveled to share Helen's 96th birthday with her. A royal celebration! We've all shared many "good things" over the years, and if I can boast half their impact, I'll be smiling!

—Prayer Requests—

- For the women of Coquimbo, as church groups and individuals. For our Bible studies on Tuesday mornings and Wednesday evenings.
- For the men also! Especially those working closely with Curtis on the leadership team:
Dixon, Christian, Eloy, and Ramiro.
 - For our new kids' club, called **CounterCurrent**, and the special program planned for October 31st. For the faithful young couples heading up this ministry.
 - For the ongoing need of a permanent church home. The new rental property has been working out great, but we know it's only a temporary stop.
 - For preparations for end-of-the-year outreach activities, such as a concert and tracting at the local Christmas fair.