



HISTORY OF YOUNG LIFE ARGENTINA

In December 2000, a family arrived in the city of Corrientes: "Los Schlicks", coming from Visalia, California.

David and Saan were involved in Young Life ministry in the United States and, as their hearts burned for helping and investing time in teens, they began to develop Young Life in our country.

In this great work, they began to involve and introduce Young Life to Eduardo Pi and Carolina Pujol, teaching them the importance of entering the world of youth and having a genuine relationship with them. During that year, they did nothing but talk about Young Life and make "contact" with teenagers and young adults. The team of volunteer leaders grew and on September 11, the first Young Life club was started.

In December they had to return to the United States and the Pi family continued to lead the ministry. In that month, December 2001, the first Young Life camp was held in Argentina, where 22 children attended.

Eduardo Pi was the director at that time, until 2006, when for work reasons he couldn't continue and Carolina Pujol de Pi was designated as area director in Corrientes. The years passed and in 2009 she was appointed director of Argentina.

By that time, Young Life had more leaders and among them was Jonatan Hauros, who had entered as a volunteer in August 2008 and who from 2011 began visiting his hometown of Villa Angela - Chaco with the goal of expanding the ministry. In 2013, with Jonathan's suggestion, Carolina appointed Emilce Velazquez and Gonzalo Villanueva as area directors.

The ministry grew in Corrientes and Sonia Pi was appointed as Area Director, who led the ministry from 2010 until February 2020. Currently, her position is held by Marlene Zapata. In 2013, the ministry arrived in Buenos Aires with Natalia Gonzalez and Matias De Priego, who led Young Life from 2013 until March 2020, giving their place to Yemina Gonzalez.

Jonatan Hauros finished his studies in bachelor's in administration, which had led him to live in Corrientes and he decided to move to the city of Rosario to study a master's degree. In this way, he started Young Life in Rosario and became the area director in that city.

In 2016, Carolina Pi is appointed as Regional Director for Patagonia and in 2018 Jonatan Hauros takes over as Director for Argentina. For this reason, in Rosario, Nicolás Segundo was appointed as Area Director.

Mariana Maldonado, another girl from Chaco, who went to live in Corrientes, worked in the Young Life ministry with her husband, when they were engaged. They got married and went to live in Formosa. And, in the midst of the pandemic, they decided to start with Young Life Formosa.

We know that our history is rich and our future is promising, full of challenges. We are a group of adults who remain committed to Young Life's historic mission: to befriend young people and give them a look at the Savior, Jesus Christ.