

# Sasha & Maria Silvia

Cordoba, Argentina

## Youth Missionaries to Cordoba, Argentina

Sasha and Maria Silvia Rasmussen are missionaries to the youth of Cordoba, Argentina, where they focus on Argentina's youth, develop mature youth leaders and come alongside the local church to grow and nurture those who have received Christ as a result of their efforts.

## Why youth ministry?

Sasha and Maria's efforts in ministry are focused toward the adolescent demographic. Beginning as early as age 10 and ending as late as age 25, adolescence represents the transition from childhood to adulthood and contains the most crucial developmental period in one's spiritual life. Youth ministry has been a much neglected field of missions work (90% of the world's youth ministers minister to 4% of the world's youth population in North America). Sasha and Maria plan to make it their focus!

## Para-church organization vs. local church

The context of youth ministry in Cordoba is realized in an established local church. Para-church organizations have a valuable place in missions, but the long term effects of their ministry are often limited by the absence of a strong local church. Sasha and Maria desire to see the whole cycle of an adolescent's Christian growth, salvation to ministry, take place within the nurturing environment of a church family.

## Kingdom Mindset

The goal of their ministry is to be a standard setter, an example and friend to other ministries. Sasha and Maria envision it to become a ministry that shares strengths, and shoulders burdens with other youth ministries scattered across the country. The ultimate goal is to create a culture of youth ministry which will fill the empty fields with equipped and passionate Argentine youth ministry laborers.

## Strategy & Vision

Sasha and Maria's ministry strives to be authentic and contextual. We seek to raise the banner of the Kingdom of God and not that of any particular earthly kingdom. We will thus focus on culturally alive ways to lift the person of

Christ up, visible for discovery, as the sole Healer and Hope of their land.

1. **Foundation.** Laying the foundations for a strong, fruitful ministry, which includes the careful planning, development, and implementation of appropriate programs to train youth leaders and equip them to disciple youth for Christ.

2. **Training.** Continuing training as missionaries. Both, Sasha and Maria will be discipled by veteran missionaries Sam & Carita Masters, while furthering their education in preparation for the field.

3. **Equipping.** Begin a training center for youth ministry: it is their goal to have established a voice within the evangelical community of Argentina within the first three years of ministry and raise up & equip more youth leaders.

4. **Facility.** Build a youth center: this center will serve as a multi-use facility for church functions, various sports camps, training facility, and outreach medium into the community etc.

5. **Reproduce.** Once the DNA of how to use youth ministry to reach a country for Christ, trained youth missionaries are sent out and supported to reach other parts of Argentina who will themselves reproduce.

6. **Network.** "We want to see the value of youth ministry brought to every culture and country in Latin America, and we see on the horizon a day when the adolescents of every culture have a person in their community that seeks to bring Jesus to them, where they are as an adolescent. One who loves them, and one they can call Pastor."

**LIFE is financially supporting their ministry monthly.**

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