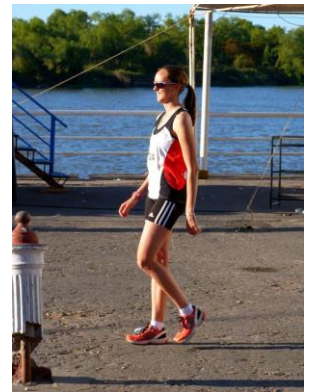


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2013 is drawing to a close and what better opportunity to firstly say a big **GRACIAS** to all those who receive these updates. We are blessed by your interest in what goes on here in the world of sport and sports ministry in Argentina, and are privileged to have so many people **praying, supporting and encouraging** us in what we do. This year has been tough in many ways, and we wouldn't have got through it in one piece without you!

This is, of course, a great opportunity to look back at 2013, to give thanks to God for all the **GOOD** things that we have experienced, as well as looking ahead to 2014 and sharing our hopes and plans with you, and placing them together in God's more than capable hands.

We are thankful for...

- The radical change to my **biomechanics**, and now- despite numerous setbacks along the way- being able to train with a new technique fully incorporated. The major fruits will be long term, but I can already feel certain **benefits**, and most of all, I am delighted to have returned to competition in Argentina, thus beginning a **new chapter** in sport.
- God's hand over our **marriage** in what has been a very intense first year due to so many external pressures, as well as the simple fact of learning to live together. We are thankful for close friends who have been there for us and for one another, as we have **persevered, learned some lessons and are stronger** as a couple.
- God's glorious **provision** in our finances, especially as Fabio was without funding this year and the **house in Cachi** has not been ready for when we were expecting it to be...but we are thankful that it **is underway!**



We did it!!



Loving Jesus and loving others in the world of athletics

- The wonderful doors that have opened in sport to **minister** to and invest time in many athletes, sharing our faith and lives on a deeper level. As Paul writes in **1 Thessalonians 2.8**: "Because we loved you so much, we were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God, but our lives as well."
- The way the Lord continues to teach Fabio and I about how to live out our faith in sport, and the opportunity to share some of this through writing **devotionals** for a (growing) group of interested athletes on Facebook ("**Deporte y Biblia, ¿qué tienen que ver?**"). Also available on the Verité website:

<http://www.veritesport.org/?page=Spanish%20Devotionals>

- Deeper **friendships** with fellow members of our church "El Madero", and an **increased involvement** especially in the areas of **prayer and worship**.

We **“continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it...”** (Colossians 4.2)

- God’s on-going **care and strengthening of our marriage**, as we take seriously our commitment and responsibility towards building each other up in Christ’s purposes and love.
- **Proverbs 13.12 says:** “Hope deferred makes the heart sick, but a desire fulfilled is the tree of life.” We are expectant that 2014 will bring with it a **new dawn** and the start of God’s **fulfilment** of the dreams He has placed on our hearts for sport, ministry and marriage.
- We pray for increased **boldness** in our witness among fellow athletes in particular, **“as [we] ought to speak”** (see Ephesians 6.19-20), and that God would continue to **“open to us a door for the word”** (Colossians 4.3) in the lives of others.
- For **continued love, wisdom and support** of those we have been able to share with over the last year.
- We would love our **house in Cachi** to be finished soon, so that we are able to rent it out to athletes who go to the town to train at altitude, and seek to **bless their lives** by praying for them and encouraging them to think about who Jesus is (through literature, verses, contact etc).
- I am now involved with the national athletics governing body (CADA) as **Fabio’s representative**, which means I am responsible for his training plans and general assessment at an institutional level. Please pray that the Lord would continue to bless this relationship and that we would have opportunities to **make a difference** for God’s purposes.



Marching towards the goal, “the upward call of God in Christ Jesus” Philippians 3.14



Girl talk!

- Leonardo, one of the leaders of “El Madero”, returns to Brazil at the end of the year to continue his ministry training there. Please join with us in asking God to stir up and equip another **leader** to join David, and for Fabio and I as we continue to be involved in the church, and as I probably start to be more involved in **leading a girl’s Bible study group**.
- I am looking forward to a **visit** from a **friend** from England mid-December, it is always such a lift to have some home company! A few months later in April, Fabio and I will be joined by my **parents** as they make their second trip out to Argentina for three weeks. Please pray that the

Lord will watch over all the **comings and goings** of friends and family, as He promises to (Psalm 121.8).

Thank you for journeying through 2013 with us...here’s to a **wonderful 2014** for one and all, and a very **blessed Christmas!**

With all our love,
Laura and Fabio

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