



PLANTING AND ASSISTING CHURCHES IN URUGUAY

Fireworks, crazy-busy supermarkets and malls, and images of *Papa Noel* drinking Coca-Cola under the softly falling snow – welcome to Christmas and New Year’s in Montevideo (where, by the way, it’s 85 degrees). Many are controlled by a consumer spirit which now seems to mark the holidays. Would to God that they be controlled by the Holy Spirit (Eph. 1:13-14)!

A Feliz Navidad

Some of you may recall that Micki and I were able to settle in a nice apartment for a very low rate for most of our time in language school. We had to leave this apartment December 23rd, and did not know until December 22nd to where exactly we were moving since we’re not quite ready to move to Colonia. We found another apartment about six blocks away that is... “rustic.” When we arrived on Christmas Eve, I was amazed to see how Micki made the living room glow with holiday cheer! We enjoyed a romantic dinner for two under the charm of garlands and Christmas lights with Nat King Cole crooning in the background. I thank God for my wife’s adventurous and supportive spirit. On Christmas day, we travelled to Durazno and enjoyed fellowship with the Harmon family.

During a Christmas dinner a couple of weeks ago, I met a young man who is deeply interested in the Pentateuch, the first five books of the Bible. He once studied to be a Catholic priest, but now is interested in Judaism. This week we’ll be meeting to discuss the Bible. Please pray for Emiliano’s salvation.

Finishing Up Language School

Micki has already finished her studies in *La Academia Uruguay*, but I will finish the first week of January. Please pray that my last week there will yield more witnessing opportunities, particularly with Pablo. It could be that the Lord has more of a “tilling” ministry for us in this school. Still, I will be looking for specific opportunities to talk with Pablo and invite him to trust Christ. We also appreciate your continued prayers for “excellence using the Spanish language,” a request that appears on our prayer card.

A New House

We have been asking the Lord to provide a house that has the following characteristics: 1) office space, 2) good insulation, 3) newer construction, 4) a yard for gardening, 5) at least three bedrooms for guest space and the possibility of a growing family, 6) is close to the church, and 7) plenty of neighbors with whom we can share the gospel! The owner of a beautiful four-bedroom house in Colonia that has all of these characteristics said that he will sell us his home early in January. We should be able to move in sometime in March or April (but hopefully earlier!). We have attached a few pictures in case you’d like to see it ☺

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