# ON DEPUTATION TO TAKE THE GOSPEL TO **URUGUAY**

While our Christmas tree stands nervously by our front door, anticipating its own demise, Micki and I are grateful to have had a wonderful Christmas time with our families. The new year is marked with the hope of our departure to Uruguay and the salvation of some of our neighbors.



# **Christmas Summary**

We had about one week to prepare for Christmas when we returned from Uruguay December 17. It worked out that we could spend time with both sides of each of our families. Lord-willing, our next Christmas will be spent in Uruguay! We are grateful for God's protection and kind parents—while in Rockford, Illinois (Jon's hometown), our transmission failed. Dad and Mom were kind enough to loan us their car while ours was in the shop. Of all places where we could have broken down, we were glad it was in Rockford!

### **New Support**

We have heard from a couple of new churches that plan to support us. Until they do, we are still at 71%. My experience has been that many churches vote on new missionaries in January and February. If we hear from 10-15 new supporters, we should be on our way. We are grateful that the majority of our supporters are within a few hours' drive from Watertown.

#### **Boots on the Ground**

We have plans this new year to reach out to our entire apartment complex, where most people are Hispanic. Though we've had some of them over for dinner already and have shared the Gospel with them, we have plans of going door to door, inviting them to do *The Exchange* Bible Study with us. The author of *The Exchange*, Jeff Musgrave, has encouraged church leaders to spend focused time on evangelism in the next month with our "boots on the ground." We are up for the challenge!

### **Prayer Requests**

- That our car does not give problems through the rest of our deputation experience
- New supporters—we want to leave for Uruguay by late summer of this year
- The salvation of our neighbors, particularly Nick and Marybell, a young couple who we mentioned in a previous letter.

Thank you! Micki and I remain thrilled to be serving God as foreign missionaries!

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