



PLANTING AND ASSISTING CHURCHES IN **URUGUAY**

Last year I decided to surprise Micki by driving her to a big hill in Montevideo to watch the New Year's fireworks, most of which are shot by teens from the streets. Little did I know that we were driving into one of the most dangerous parts of Montevideo! We were glad to have escaped with our lives, so we could enjoy a more calm celebration with our church this year!

Celebrating One Year in Colonia

Micki and I rang in the new year with our church here in Colonia. We all had a beautiful time singing, playing games, and recounting the blessings of God in 2015. Some of those blessings in our lives include:

- A wonderful relationship with our co-workers, Archie and Ruth Perez
- Witnessing the growth of believers and others who make professions of faith
- Finding and purchasing a home very close to the church
- Completion of our first year in the seminary
- The raising of \$100,000 for the El Real Project
- A growing facility with the language (Spanish)
- The birth of our son Owen

Goals for 2016

We often have to shake our heads upon considering all that has happened in just one year! We want 2016 to be another year of advance and demonstration of the glory and power of God! Some of our goals include:

- Continue the development of five, core online classes that will 1) encourage theological literacy throughout the Spanish-speaking world and 2) attract people to our seminary
- Continue replacing video classes with live classroom instruction
- Host a creation/evolution conference in our church
- Host one or two practical workshops (how to use the Internet, cooking, first-aid, etc.)
- Begin actively recruiting if we can acquire the El Real property.
- Invite more people into our home for a meal (now that Owen has been born and Micki should not be sick so often)

El Real Project

We are making progress on negotiations for the El Real property. The seller has proven to be a tough negotiator, but as I said recently, he seemed to put the property within our reach. Lord-willing, we will give you more details in our next prayer letter. Your continued, fervent prayers are much needed and appreciated!

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