



ON DEPUTATION TO TAKE THE GOSPEL TO URUGUAY

Friday night on June 20, Micki and I were delighted to see lots of our neighbors come out for the apartment barbecue. Many children were eager to get set up, eat and play games. I hope their eagerness will be matched by their eagerness to hear the Gospel in a couple of weeks!

Hillcrest Apartments Update

Thank you for praying for the barbecue we hosted last month. Beside some of our own family and friends from the Spanish-speaking ministry at Calvary, nearly fifty of our neighbors came out to enjoy the food and fellowship. Every family took home a little goodie bag, through which we shared the Gospel and invited them to church. We also included an invitation to our "Family Story Time," which we will hold in the backyard later this month. I believe this will be our most significant opportunity to reach our neighbors with the Gospel before we leave for Uruguay. I will be teaching about Old Testament heroes, explaining that their greatness is eclipsed only by Jesus Christ. We're praying that both adults and children will respond to the invitation.

Chelo at Camp Chetek

Nearly three years ago, I met Isabel, a Uruguayan woman, who told me about her Uncle Chelo. He first heard the Gospel in Montevideo in 1948. Shortly after his conversion, he surrendered to full-time ministry as an evangelist to his own people. She gave me his little-known autobiography entitled *Lo Que Dios Ha Forjado, or That Which God Has Done*. The book chronicles his impoverished and tragic childhood, followed by his many adventures preaching through the interior of Uruguay. I finished the book a few weeks ago and converted it to a story format for juniors in anticipation of our week with them at camp. They enjoyed hearing about Chelo, and a number of them indicated that they want to serve the Lord in foreign missions!

Preparing to Move

We are reviewing our to-do list and making more checks with each passing week. We have found an international mover who will transport our belongings for about half of what the other movers with whom we spoke wanted. Herman, a friendly Christian man I met in Montevideo in 2012, is providing us with a nice apartment during our language study for \$300 a month, when the average apartment is going for \$1,000 a month! When we return from Michigan on July 28, besides preparing for "Family Story Time," we will begin preliminary packing. We are rejoicing to see God provide for all of our needs "according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4:19).

Prayer Requests

- The salvation of our neighbors through Family Story Time.
- That the juniors who heard Chelo's story will be committed to the Great Commission.
- A strong finish to deputation and smooth transition in Uruguay; a few more supporters to reach 100%.

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