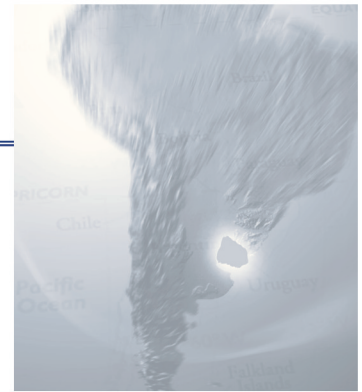


## PLANTING AND ASSISTING CHURCHES IN **URUGUAY**



I just finished a study of 1 Corinthians for my devotions today. I was reflecting on the state of the church at the time of the apostle's writing, and wondered if Paul by today's standards would be considered a successful church-planting evangelist or not. One thing is clear from the book – new believers need much love and patient instruction if they are going to grow!

### **Keep Praying for Johann**

Thank you for praying for our neighbor Johann and his family. You will remember that Johann made a profession of faith about two weeks ago after listening to me share the gospel with him for about one hour. I believe God is working in his life, but it is obvious that Johann needs a lot of patient instruction and encouragement (2 Tim. 2:24-25). We love Johann and his family and appreciate your prayers for his spiritual development. Please also continue to pray for the salvation of our neighbors Juan and Maria and their family. They continue to be open to our visits and Bible reading.

### **Final Exams**

We just finished our final exams here in Colonia. The satellite branch of our institute is in Nueva Helvecia and students there will finish up this Saturday. A total of twenty students attended classes and thirteen are taking exams. Our goal is to provide the best theological education possible, building up both the mind and the heart. Please continue to pray that we meet this goal.

### **A Growing City**

When Micki and I walk through our neighborhood, we marvel at the construction being done to facilitate new housing. We are told that next week hundreds of people will be moving into the apartments behind us. When I jog I often run through the empty lots of freshly plowed dirt a few blocks away where even more housing will be built. But that's not all: a respected Uruguayan newspaper recently published the fact that a multi-millionaire from Buenos Aires plans to double the size of Colonia by building housing, businesses, schools, and a university on our southern coastal side. How exciting to be proclaiming the gospel in a growing city!

### **A Growing Belly**

It seems like I've been hearing a lot these days about comfort foods, doctors visits, a future soccer player (because he kicks so much!), and the possible appearances of stretch marks. We have reached the six-month mark and found out recently that we're having a boy! In spite of the growing stomach my wife manages to maintain good humor and good looks. Thank you for your prayers for all of us!

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