PLANTING AND ASSISTING CHURCHES IN **URUGUAY**

"It is good to be a fool when Christ is made unto you wisdom. It is a blessed thing to be weak if Christ becomes more fully your strength. Go to work, you who would be fishers of men, and yet feel your insufficiency. You that have no strength, attempt this divine work. Your Master's strength will be seen when your own has all gone." - Charles Spurgeon, Sermon #1906



First-Fruits in Uruguay

Those of you who pray for the requests on our prayer card know that we want "a fruitful, church-building lifestyle" (Matthew 16:18, John 15:5). We are excited to tell you that God has been answering your prayers! On a recent Saturday, Alvaro (a young man in the institute) and I went visiting in our neighborhood. We spoke with a woman whose daughter attends the youth meetings, and she promised to come to church the following night. That night I preached from Matthew 18, and at the close of the service, she and her daughter came forward to trust Christ! Micki and I were rejoicing to see that God can use *extranjeros* (people from another country) like us to reach Uruguayans with the Gospel. We continue our visits with Juan and Maria across the street and are hopeful that they too will receive Christ in the days ahead. Please keep praying!

Instituto Bíblico Bautista del Uruguay

We are now past the midpoint of our semester studies at the institute. Micki and I are learning a lot each week and need wisdom to adjust and do things both biblically and Uruguayan. Overall, the students are enthusiastic, and we certainly love working with them. While I am busy writing, translating, teaching and administrating, Micki helps with project design, organization and—the students' favorite—cooking!

Exciting Progress for *El Real* **Project**

We are praising the Lord that over \$23,000 has already come in for the *El Real* Project! I have included that letter as an attachment once more in case some of you were not able to read it. The believers here are being encouraged to give sacrificially and are grateful for the sacrifices of their Christian brothers and sisters from far away. We do not take any one contribution for granted! We deeply appreciate your continual prayers that God will advance His work His way. I have also included some pictures of the property below.

Our Little Soccer Player

I am proud to tell all of you that though we do not yet know the gender of our baby, I am quite convinced that he or she will be one of the best soccer players Uruguay has yet produced. How do I know? He is kicking! At twenty weeks, we are already dreaming of ways to help our child love and serve God. As far as soccer goes, well, if you know anything about Uruguay, a love for that will probably come quite naturally.

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