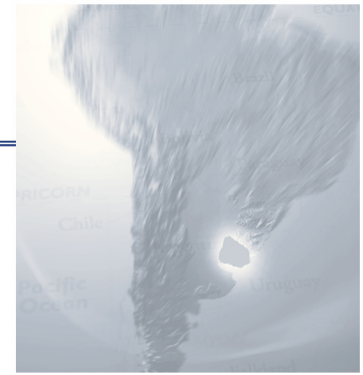


PLANTING AND ASSISTING CHURCHES IN **URUGUAY**



Our hearts were thrilled on Sunday night as Johann climbed into our station wagon to join us for church. I am also thrilled to consider how God may be using the new “printing press” – the Internet – to help our seminary grow.

Johann

Thank you for your prayers for our neighbor Johann. He made a profession of faith months ago, and we praise the Lord that he finally came to church with us on Sunday. Because of the laid-back culture here and wide-spread resistance to most things formal, actually getting people to come to church can be very challenging. One of the men from our church preached a message that was perfect for what Johann is going through. Please continue in your prayers for him and for his family—I actually hear his father yelling across the street right now.

The Term “Seminary”

We changed the name of the institute here to “seminary” (*El Seminario Bautista de Colonia*), because unlike most local “institutes,” we are inviting people nationally and internationally to come and study with us. Our purpose is to disseminate, cultivate and defend the good seed of the Word in a local church context and train faithful people to do the same (2 Timothy 2:2). We also offer more in-depth Greek training, something that has characterized seminaries historically.

15+ Countries

Many of you watched the YouTube introduction to our online Greek course, entitled *¿Por Qué Estudiar Griego Bíblico?* (“Why Study Biblical Greek?”). Most of the lesson summaries are now available online, and I have been excited to see interest in these and our other videos grow steadily. We have already reached into more than 15 Spanish speaking countries, with the top hits being in Uruguay (1,081 minutes watched), Argentina (397), Colombia (387), Spain (362), Mexico (296), Peru (284), and Ecuador (157). I am praying that the videos will encourage theological literacy everywhere and help promote our seminary.

Come Visit Us!

We continue to pray for the completion of the *El Real* property purchase so we can begin cleaning and repairs. Pastor Gabriel is more than a little excited to begin church meetings there! And we are excited to see how the Lord will use the building for our seminary. Very soon, I will provide a list of projects that would be perfect short-term mission opportunities for your church. We want the physical beauty of the building to correspond to the beautiful purpose of the Gospel for which we use it. As always, we covet your prayers and thank our God for your support.

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