



ON DEPUTATION TO TAKE THE GOSPEL TO URUGUAY

Hillcrest Apartments contain approximately 180 people, most of which are Hispanic. Living here has given us a great opportunity to practice Spanish and build redemptive relationships. With six buildings, A-F, we have not yet visited beyond our own and already had five guests in our apartment Friday night.

The Bible Study

Because we did not find any takers for the Bible study in English, our first one was in Spanish on Thursday, March 6. Earlier we asked you to pray for Luis and his family. His parents and sister came, but Luis did not! Luis is living with his girlfriend, and I think he is running from the Lord's conviction. His family, however, seems excited to study the Bible and they have pledged their attendance each new week. We're not yet sure if they are saved as they have given both right and wrong answers to basic salvation questions. We believe their condition will become more clear to us in the next couple of weeks. Lorraina and her husband Felix live below us, and they too were with us last week. We will keep you posted as to what God is doing in our apartment complex!

"Look on the fields..."

For this Sunday I was asked to preach on the theme of "how preparing for foreign mission work has enhanced my mission efforts in the United States." The clearest enhancement has come through our study of Spanish and awakening to the multitudes of Spanish speakers who are open to the gospel. Shamefully, in the past, I associated minorities mainly with crime, illegal citizenship, and cultural awkwardness rather than with gospel opportunity. This attitude is similar to that of the disciples toward the Samaritans when Jesus awoke them, saying "lift up your eyes, and look on the fields, for they are white already to harvest" (John 4:35). The more Micki and I travel the more we recognize the great need for good Spanish speaking churches in the United States! Herein is a golden opportunity for those who would reap in God's harvest. Perhaps some of you will consider reaping by learning Spanish!

Prayer Requests

- 100% support. We are presently at 81.25%.
- Salvation for Luis and Katie; Nick and Marybell.
- Salvation or discipleship:
 - Luis' family – Fernando (father), Rosa (mother), and Mary (sister).
 - Lorraina and Felix.
 - Emiliano and Maricruz.
- More good Spanish-speaking churches in the United States.

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