

PLANTING AND ASSISTING CHURCHES IN **URUGUAY**

Brother Archie reminded us on Sunday of the new commandment Christ gave right before His death and resurrection. Believers are to love one another even as Christ loved us (John 13:34)! This is a very special and high responsibility! We have been meditating on this teaching as we seek to get settled here in Colonia and minister to those around us.

Ministry Activities

Though Micki and I had a number of teaching opportunities in various churches in the capital, we focused on formal language training. When we moved to Colonia on February 2, our role was somewhat reversed as we spent more time in local church ministry and less time formally studying Spanish. We first spent a few days with the Harmons in Durazno, who introduced us to VBS in Uruguay. Then we participated in youth camp with the church here, *Iglesia Bautista Fundamental*, in Colonia. A number of teens made decisions that we trust will impact their families and communities for eternity. Archie Perez, the missionary pastor of the church, gave me the opportunity to preach two times in March and participate in their yearly baptismal service. I continue to teach Greek online for Maranatha Baptist University, and am presently developing similar courses in Spanish to encourage and develop local church leadership throughout Uruguay. These classes will be part of the institute curriculum within our church.

In our last prayer letter, I asked you to pray for the salvation of Emiliano and Pablo. Emiliano and I spoke for nearly three hours about the Messiah and the Old Testament, but he continues to doubt the authenticity of Jesus. Please keep praying for him. On my last day of class with Pablo, I gave him a book about the dark side of spiritual powers from a Christian perspective, along with a New Testament. He seemed interested, especially in the first book. We have made a number of other contacts here in Colonia, with whom we have shared the Gospel. You can also pray for Jorge and Sinthya, the previous owners of our house. Though they now live in a northern city nearly eight hours away, we shared the Gospel with them a number of times, and they seem very open. Please also pray for new contacts in our neighborhood.

Pitter-Patter of Little (Uruguayan) Feet

We have been in our new house for nine days, and it is finally starting to feel like a home. Micki loves her new craft room, and I love my new office. The painted white brick is rustic, but sharp, while all our furniture and decorations match the house perfectly. The patio reminds us of an upscale Italian bistro experience, and we have just enough yard for Micki to cultivate a garden. Then, there's that room that is working perfectly as storage, but we'll need it for something else soon. If a couple of weeks of stomach sickness and a positive pregnancy test are any indication, we will be raising a little Uruguayan by November!

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