



PLANTING AND ASSISTING CHURCHES IN **URUGUAY**

This month's prayer letter is more of a general overview of the ministries here in light of the corresponding video update we gave to one of our supporting churches. Thank you for your prayers!

Cloudy Skies. The overcast skies and cooler temperatures remind us that winter is right around the corner in Uruguay. While Micki and I have fond memories of apple orchards and pumpkin patches as we watch the leaves change color, we are reminded that for many Uruguayans, winter is a time of a depression. Statistically, Uruguay is one of the most depressed countries in South America, with twice as many suicides as murders. Though we are challenged by the apathy we sometimes see in the people, we are grateful for the ways God is working here.

Our city of Colonia is pulsating with the promise of change and development. A rich Arab developer now wants to invest two billion dollars on the south side of our city, which will effectively double its size. Our church and house conveniently will be located in the middle of the main sections of our city.

The Search. About one year ago, we developed a tract that describes the search for the most important thing in life. As the apostle Paul put it, those of us who are saved participate in the search for "glory, honor, and immortality" (Romans 2:6-8). This is a search that we are inviting others to participate in on a regular basis! Please be praying for Kevin, a young man who recently made a decision for Christ and seems very serious about the things of the Lord, as well as our neighbor Johann. Johann seems to be growing, but it is slow, and he is surrounded by temptations and challenges. You can continue to pray for Emilio's salvation, another neighbor who always welcomes us in to hear Bible teaching.

The *El Real* Project. Heaven has been ringing with loud shouts of amen ever since we found out we could buy the entire property in *El Real* for the congregation there as well as for our seminary. For the past month or so, we have been battling what seems to be the *Panama Papers* effect. Banks are less willing to transfer and accept foreign funds, so we have had to jump through many hoops to finalize the purchase. Please pray that in the next few weeks, everything will be settled!

This year is a little calmer in the seminary. A few of our students are sitting out, mainly because they are completing other school or work responsibilities. Eleven have been enrolled this year. We continue to plan, develop curriculum, and outreach to prospective students as we believe next year will be the exciting transition to the building. Lord-willing, we will host a creation conference in November that we will use to introduce people to our vision and the building. We are praying that God sends us ten more students to start this new epoch of the ministry. Thank you for your prayers!

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