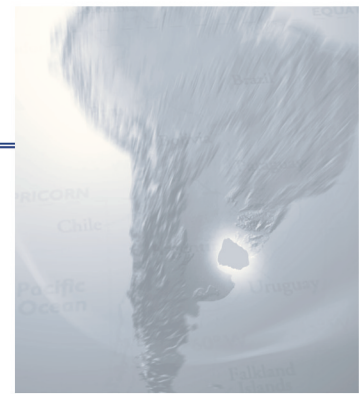


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## PLANTING AND ASSISTING CHURCHES IN **URUGUAY**



Perhaps our best defense against accusations or perceptions that we are trying to stifle people's liberty is the liberty we express in godly conduct and our love for one another (Galatians 5:23b; John 13:35). Uruguayan culture is quite obviously no friend to the Gospel. As such, it is the perfect place to "let your light so shine before men" (Matthew 5:16).

### **Pablo**

Thank you to those of you who are praying for Pablo—please keep it up! Pablo is a 30-something self-proclaimed hippie, who writes dark novels and embodies the secular culture of Uruguay. When Pablo was my personal tutor two weeks ago, I spoke with him about the differences between Islam and Christianity, as well as the theology of Job. Though his outlook on life is dark and critical, Jesus Christ can fill him with light and joy! He is the outspoken co-director of the school, so I can imagine that if Pablo receives Christ he would be a wonderful testimony to his co-workers and students. Pablo did not come to the Wednesday night Bible study, but I have reminded him that he is welcome the other nights.

### **Professors, Professions, and Students**

The professors at *La Academia Uruguay* are qualified and smart, and we are glad to have chosen this school for language training. Not only are we learning *Uruguayan* Spanish, but we are also learning the culture, as all of the exercises and most of the conversations are oriented around the history and customs of the country. There are about eight teachers who rotate classes so the students can benefit from the teachers' different styles. Micki and I have had an open door in every class to speak the Gospel because of the personalized and conversational nature of each class. The answer to "what is your profession" evokes a glad response from both of us. Recently, three other students joined Pablo and me: Terek is a banker from London, Julia is a spirited Russian woman who seems to think Christianity is "propaganda," and Kathy is a secular educator from the Madison area. All of them are quite advanced in Spanish. We are having lunch with Kathy this week, so please pray for an open door to share the Gospel with her in more detail. We're also hoping to spend more time with Micki's classmate Celia, a French woman whose boyfriend is from Indiana.

### **Other Details**

The Lord has blessed us with a 2011 Chevy Corsa wagon with only 43,000 kilometers. We enjoy the independence of having a car. Please don't ask about the experience of driving a manual for the first time in Montevideo traffic; just rejoice with us that we've prepared our last will and testament. We have been to Colonia a couple of times to visit with the Perezes and are looking for a house there to rent or buy. Please pray that God reveals to us the place where we should settle. We'd like to buy if possible.

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