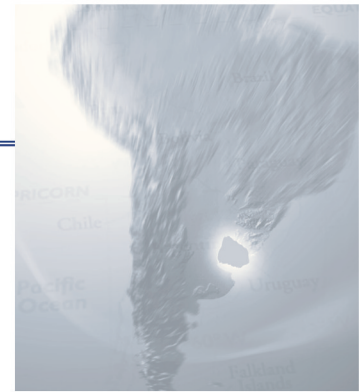


PLANTING AND ASSISTING CHURCHES IN **URUGUAY**

“As arrows are in the hand of the mighty man, so are children of the youth” (Psalm 127:4). For the twenty-nine years that I was single, I had no idea if God would ever give me children. Last week our lives were blessed and changed forever by the arrival of a little warrior.

Baby Owen

On October 27, the Lord blessed us with a beautiful baby boy! We decided to name him Owen (“warrior”) David because we liked the name and because of how active he was when he was inside Micki. It seemed like he was trying to battle his way out! We are praying he will fight the good fight of faith and have a heart for God similar to that of King David’s of the Old Testament. We are enjoying family time with Jody, Micki’s mom, this week and look forward to a visit from her dad next week. Steve and Jody live in Wisconsin and this is their first time out of North America.

Wrapping Up the Institute

As soon as Micki and I arrived in Colonia, we began directing the institute of our church. The year has flown by! The students have been patient with us as we have been learning the ropes of the educational culture here, as well as employing some new ideas. Eleven students will be receiving a certificate for completing their respective level of study. Three of them will be completing first-year Greek and have already translated nearly 100 verses from the New Testament! We will be giving a brand new Greek New Testament (that includes a Greek-Spanish dictionary) to honor them for their hard work on graduation day, December 6.

El Real Project

The Uruguayan summer begins in December and stretches through March. These will be important months for the institute as we reflect on this past year, plan necessary changes and project for the future. We seem to be in a position of growth. A number of young people from the region have expressed interest in attending the institute, our online Greek class has drawn interest from pastors and students throughout Uruguay and in Mexico, and our city is obviously growing. One huge factor that will color every projection is the outcome of the *El Real Project*.

In early September, a Christian businessman from one of our supporting churches began a campaign that the Lord is using to help make the *El Real* vision a reality. He said that through December 10 he would match all giving up to \$35,000. At the time, we had \$29,770 saved for the project. We are glad to announce that another \$8,705 has been donated, which means that we now have \$47,180 to try and negotiate a purchase! This project has the potential of impacting a very secular region of South America with the liberating Gospel of Jesus Christ, but it will not be realized without the sacrificial, visionary giving of God’s people. \$100,000 is necessary to begin realistic negotiations; only 20% of our regular supporters have participated so far and we have already reached \$47,180. Thank you for praying about what your specific role may be in publishing the Gospel in Uruguay! God is able!

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