

November Prayer Update 2022



**Pedro and Joy Oliveira-Woolmer**

*with Mark, Zoe, and Emilia*

*Serving the Lord in Uruguay*



**Dear Friends,**

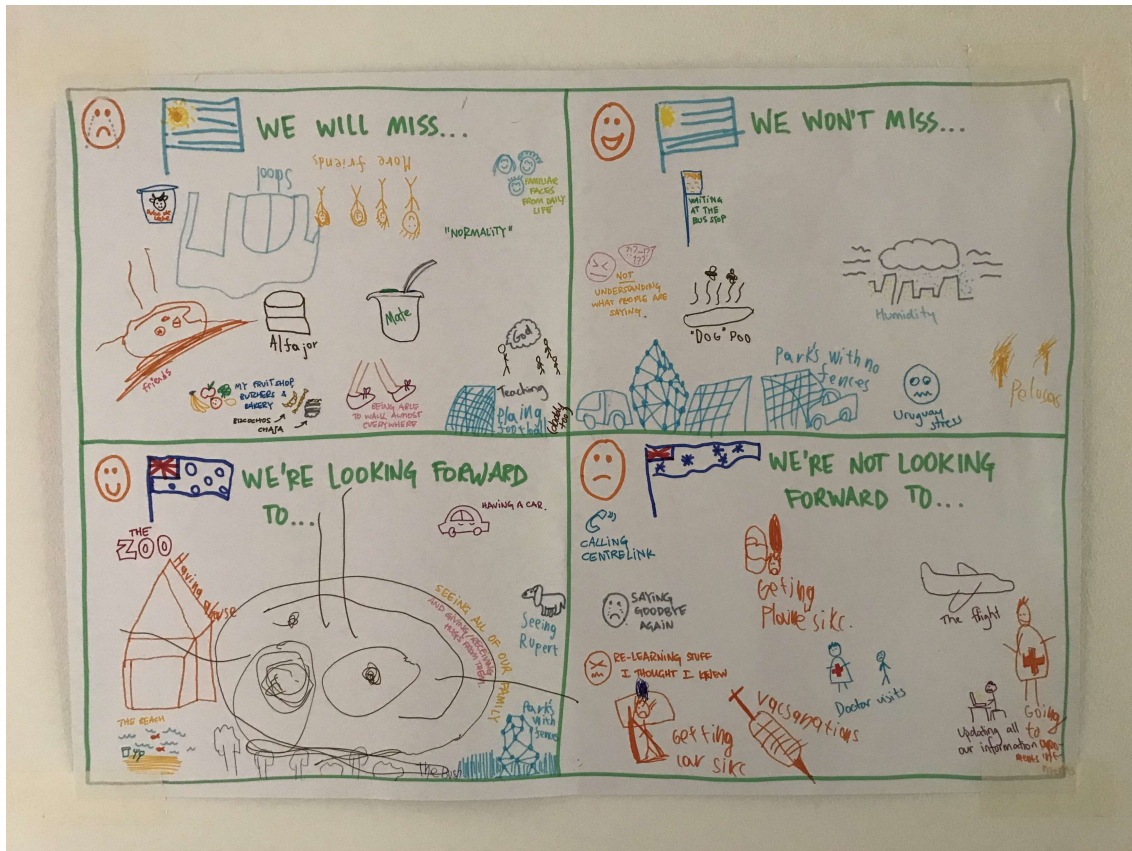
***"What are Weet-bix?"***

Just the other day, we had a rather amusing conversation over breakfast. Joy was teaching Mark the mnemonic "Never eat soggy Weet-bix" for remembering North-East-South-West, when Mark, with complete seriousness, asked, "What are Weet-Bix?"

And then it hit us. That even for our 7 year old - who has technically spent more time in Australia than Uruguay - the transition back to life in Australia will not be an easy one. There will doubtless be many more surprises as we touch down into Sydney airport, and it feels daunting just thinking about how we might help our kids survive (and thrive!) through the challenges.

We've started filling out our "quadrant" - an activity we do as a family before every major life transition. There are many things we're looking forward to about Australia,

and things we won't be sorry to leave in Uruguay. But there are also many things we're going to miss about Uruguay, and things we're not so looking forward to in Australia.



*Our transitions quadrant*

*(Zoe drew a very big person standing on its head to represent all the family and friends we're looking forward to seeing again!)*

So please keep us in your prayers this month as we prepare to leave! We feel vulnerable and weak, yet strangely confident and secure. Because God is faithful, and so are you, our dear partners in the gospel! Which leads us to the second half of this prayer letter.

**"Thank you!"**

3 years ago, we asked you to prayerfully commit yourselves to partnering with us in our work for the gospel in Uruguay. And now 3 years later, we want to thank you for your faithfulness to us.

We would not be leaving Uruguay with hearts full of joy and hope, as we have now, if not for your steadfastness in prayer and generosity in financial giving. Do you remember our S-U-N prayer points? Spanish, university students, and new things? Well, here's what God has done in answer to your intercession for us:

- We are speaking Spanish! Some days are better than others, but we are understanding, communicating, teaching, singing, reading, praying, living, and sometimes even dreaming, in Spanish!
- Our ministry to University students is growing. We have been able to connect with them, get to know them, learn from them, bring them into our home, read the Bible with them, disciple them, teach them, and train them. There is so much more to do, but in these 3 years, we've made a start, and there have been many encouragements.
- God has provided for every new thing we have faced: a new home, a new school for Mark (and Zoe too!), new friends and Christian family, a new church, new favourite things. Even a new member of our family, through whom we have been granted permanent residency!

Thank you, dear friends, for your faithfulness towards us. We are truly grateful.



*Thankful hearts: L-R: Our Zoe is 3! We love her, and give thanks to God for the delightful, fun, and fearless person she is. A very excited Mark heading to his first (overnight) school camp - he loved it!*

## Thank God

- for the last 3 years!
- that Pedro's Bible study at the Faculty of Medicine and Chemistry has started well
- for providing someone to stay in our Uruguayan apartment while we're away

## Please pray

- for energy and time to say goodbye well
- for all the logistical details of getting ready to leave



- that we would be able to wrap up our various ministries well, and entrust “our people” to God
- that we would cast all our anxieties on the God who cares for us

## Can you help?

Thanks to everyone who has responded to our electric piano request! We will be in touch shortly about that. **We're still looking for a car** to use during our home assignment. Please pray that God would provide one, and let us know if you might be the answer to that prayer! We would love to hear from you if you have a car we could use for all or part of December 8th to May 7th. Thank you!

Thank you for upholding us in prayer!

*From Pedro, Joy, Mark, Zoe and Emilia*

Write back to us!

*In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now.*

Philippians 1:4-5

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