

January Prayer Update 2023



Pedro and Joy Oliveira-Woolmer

with Mark, Zoe, and Emilia

Serving the Lord in Uruguay



Dear Friends,

Much has happened since our last prayer letter to you all. Thanks be to God, we arrived in Sydney as planned on December 8th (even having slept some on the plane!) and jumped straight into things. God has been so incredibly kind to us and there have been so many joys - too many to list for you here. But here are the highlights!

Reunited!



We had imagined this moment many times over the last few years. What a joy it was finally to be living it! There were lots of hugs, tears, and much laughter as we were welcomed back to Sydney by our dear families. Oh how we've missed them!

Summer school

CMS Summer School was a busy but joyful week for our family. We had many opportunities (both formal and informal) to share with the CMS fellowship about how God has been at work in Uruguay over the last 3 years. We were so encouraged by the many tangible expressions of our partnership together in the gospel, and spurred on by many to keep persevering in our work. Thanks to everyone who came to Summer school, to our Missionary Sessions, and to say hi. It really was a fantastic week!





Holidays!

Thanks for praying for a chance to rest and recharge! Here's a list of some of the things we enjoyed on holidays:

- warm and sunny beach days
- clean sand
- the ocean (a first for some of us!)
- fish and chips
- Aussie meat pies
- re-watching the West Wing
- bunk beds
- playing frisbee
- backyard cricket
- Splits ice creams

We'd love to see you!

Visit one of our Church Deputations:

Feb 5-9 Freshwater Anglican

Feb 19-24 Christian Assembly

March 3-10 Campus Bible Study UNSW

March 12-17 Bowral Anglican

March 19-24 West Wollongong Anglican

March 26-30 South Hurstville Anglican

April 23-28 Cronulla Anglican

Or hear from us at:

Feb 10-11 Canberra Mission Focus

April 18-20 Camp Milimani

Or have supper with us in our home:

5/59 Elwin Street, Peakhurst NSW

Wednesday Feb 15 at 7:30pm

Tuesday April 4 at 7:30pm

RSVP here: <https://forms.gle/uCqhp8xYVmS39YWPA>

And please, come to our Commissioning Service!

Saturday April 29th, more details to come

Thank God

- for our safe arrival back into Sydney. God generously reminded us of his detailed care on many occasions, including an extra seat for the last 15hr leg of our journey!
- for precious time with our families over Christmas and New Years, including a family wedding!
- a quiet and comfortable place to call "home" during our time in Australia
- the joy, encouragement, and challenge of Summer School - and for keeping our whole family Covid-free during the conference
- beautiful beach weather during our holidays on the Central Coast - we feel refreshed!



Refreshed and ready to reconnect with our link churches and other supporters!

Please pray

- for Mark and Zoe as they prepare to start school/preschool at the end of January
- for times of rich fellowship and mutual encouragement with supporting churches and individual gospel partners
- for quality time to spend with our families during a packed home assignment - pray especially for us to be able to love Pedro's non-Christian family well

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.

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