

March Prayer Update 2023



**Pedro and Joy Oliveira-Woolmer**  
*with Mark, Zoe, and Emilia*

*Serving the Lord in Uruguay*



**Dear Friends,**

March has been a non-stop month: four churches to visit in four weeks! But we are so grateful to God for the love, concern, and interest that we experienced in each and every one. To our churches in Bowral, West Wollongong, South Hurstville, and at UNSW: thank you!

## **Giving and receiving**

During our depositions, we've been talking about the two-way nature of partnership, in giving and receiving. We've been encouraged and challenged not just to receive from you, but also to give to you. And one way God has allowed us to do this is to invest time in the next generation of missionaries. It has been a joy and privilege to have long and meaningful conversations with young Christians who are thinking about how they can make the most of the life that lies before them, for Jesus' sake. We pray that many will be encouraged by God's powerful work in ordinary people like us, to commit their lives to making Jesus known across cultures.



*Visiting Bible study groups on the UNSW campus; catching up with those who pray faithfully for us (even daily!), including Margaret from Bowral*



*Reconnecting with the Friday Morning Ladies group in West Wollongong (this time not about to have a baby 3 hours later!); the encouragement of going back to South Hurstville where we were student ministers 5 years ago*

## **CBU Prayer news**

Last month we mentioned the CBU camp that will take place over Easter. We're excited that 40 people have registered, with 20 that have never been to a CBU event before! We thank God for this! But a difficulty we have every year is retaining people after the camp and getting them established in on-campus Bible study groups. These groups will restart in April, so please pray that all those who go to camp will be excited to be a part of the mission on campus, to make Jesus known where they study.

## **Looking ahead**

A concern lurking in the back of our minds has to do with re-connecting with people when we return to Montevideo. Whether with Christian or non-Christian friends, or the students of the CBU, we are eager to build on what we had left almost 5 months ago. It's hard as we wait, not knowing how it's going to go, hoping that we don't have to start again! We left on an encouraging note, so please pray that we will resume life and ministry in Uruguay without any relational complications, and that there would be joy and energy for both sides, on our return.



*Mark is having dreams about his life in Uruguay, and is missing his friends (some pictured here) a lot! Please pray for him as we wrap up our time in Sydney.*

### ***Our commissioning service - you're invited!***

Please come to commission us and send us off for another term of missionary service!

**Saturday 29th of April, 10:30am**  
followed by light refreshments

**St Mark's West Wollongong**  
(429 Crown St, Wollongong)

### **Thank God**

- for gospel partnership, and the joy it has brought us during our home assignment
- for giving us the energy to complete a full month of church deputations
- for frequent reminders of his love and care through his people
- for time away with friends and family coming up



*New friends (from Mittagong) and old ones (from Unichurch). We're so thankful to God for the people (and camels!) we get to meet and the fun things we get to do on Home Assignment!*

## **Please pray**

- for times of rest and refreshment during the upcoming school holidays
- for our family as we manage conflicting emotions of wanting to stay here and wanting to go back - often at different times to one another!
- for a fruitful time with primary aged kids and their leaders at Camp Milimani (April 18-20)
- that the news that Christ is risen would bring joy and comfort to Christians all over the world, and hope to many who are rejoicing in it for the first time this Easter

Thank you for upholding us in prayer!

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

Write back to us!

*Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that increases to your credit.*

Philippians 4:17

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