

## September Prayer Update 2023



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

*Serving the Lord in Uruguay*



**Dear Friends,**

Pray, care, give, go: the four main components of gospel partnership that CMS encourages amongst the churches in Australia. We wanted to share with you some ways in which we have experienced each of these aspects of partnership in just the last month.



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## Prayer

In answer to your prayers for us, our weekly ministry routine has filled up significantly over the last few weeks. We had asked you to pray specifically for Pedro's MOCLAM groups, and God has answered. His hands are now full with teaching three MOCLAM courses: Creation to New Creation, Old Testament and Doctrine. We also asked you to pray for a new Bible study group in the Faculty of Teaching and Education. And that is underway too (pictured below). The group has 4 regular student members who want to reach their peers with the gospel. Last week, Francisco (second from the right), prayed that God would make them “a channel of evangelism on campus”.



*Amalia, Pedro, Ivan, Fransisco and Eli studying God's word together on the Faculty of Teaching and Education*

Joy is also excited to be reading the Bible one to one with Anita and Cos, two women from church. A few weeks ago, Anita shared that she was really struck by Philippians 1:9. She had never connected knowledge and discernment with love, and was convicted of the need to read her Bible more so that her love for God can abound in “conocimiento verdadero y todo discernimiento”, “true knowledge and all discernment”.

## **Care**

Earlier in the month, Peter and Sarah Sholl came to visit us. Joy was chatting to the kids on the walk to school about the visit, and Zoe (who is well and truly in the “why?” phase) had lots of questions. Why would they come all the way from Australia just to see us for a couple of days? What a great question! The ensuing conversation helped us to see the power of God’s love: it fills hearts and overflows, driving people to do all sorts of crazy, costly things! In the end, the answer was pretty simple: there are people who love Jesus so much that they think all that effort, time, and money is worth it, if it helps us to help Uruguayans to know him. The visit was full of encouragement and the kids loved having Peter and Sarah around. So we want to say thanks for loving us and caring for us enough to enable CMS to pastorally



support us in this way. It felt like a great big, energising hug from the whole CMS family.



*Thanks for sending Peter and Sarah to visit us!*

## **Giving**

Last month, we shared our need to buy a car and asked you to consider helping us. Since many of you already give regularly and sacrificially, we were nervous about the appeal, wondering if it was too much to ask for more. But we really didn't need to be worried at all! It was a big thing to ask. But you responded with even more generosity. Our target of \$20,000 was reached - and exceeded! Thank you for your incredible kindness towards us. We are amazed and very thankful.

## **Going**

We've also been encouraged in the past month to hear from those who are eager to go, preparing to go, and about to go. Four years ago, you sent us out. And we rejoice as CMS continues to train and send others. It's wonderful to be a part of this process for other workers God is sending into his harvest field.

## **Thank God**

- for many tangible reminders of true gospel partnership in the last month, and the joy of being a part of God's work in the world with you all.
- for the three MOCLAM groups all running, including four new students. By some miracle we were able to find a time so that everyone could attend!
- for Eli, a student Pedro is training to lead the Bible study group on the Teaching and Education faculty.
- for Cos's willingness and enthusiasm to meet with Joy. Thank God for the treasures they are finding together in John's gospel.

## Please pray

- that students would prioritise meeting with others to read God's word, and be committed and consistent members in their on-campus Bible study groups.
- for students to be brave and prepared to have gospel conversations on campus during Mission Week (starting Sept 25). We are preparing a short questionnaire for students to do with non-Christian friends and peers as a conversation starter.
- for Joy to have the opportunity to read the Bible with a non-Christian.
- for wisdom and good counsel as we look for a car - and for an honest dealer!



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

Tell us you've prayed!

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

Philippians 4:17

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