#### October Prayer Update 2023





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

Serving the Lord in Uruguay



#### Dear Friends,

October marks 6 months since we arrived back in Montevideo. And it finally feels like we've found our regular rhythm! At the start of October, we took a weekend off to catch our breath, and realised how much fuller our weekly ministry routine is now, compared to this time last year. We are so thankful to God for this! We are encouraged by all the valuable and regular opportunities to open the Bible with Uruguayans - it's what we came here to do! But Spanish continues to use up a lot of mental energy, so please pray that God would empower us by his Spirit to do the work he has for us to do, and do it well.

To borrow from Colossians 1:28-29, pray that God would powerfully work his energy in us. Pray that we might proclaim Christ daily and faithfully so that others might know him and grow in his likeness.



It has been a joy for Pedro to train Eli (2nd from the left) in leading Bible studies, on the Faculty of Teaching and Education. What an encouragement it also was to have a non-Christian friend (not pictured) join us this week!

#### **Thank God**

- for 6 months back in Uruguay and the new opportunities both Pedro and Joy have to teach and train from God's Word.
- for the encouragement of seeing a couple of students teach the Bible to others, putting their training with us into practice.
- that Cande, a non-Christian friend of Amalia's, came to Bible study this week and heard the story of the crucifixion at the end of Luke. Pray for her to keep coming to learn about Jesus.
- for the fruitful conversations Joy has been able to have with Lynda (a young woman at church) about evangelism, and the joy of seeing her making and taking opportunities to have conversations about Jesus with her non-believing colleagues.
- for Zach, our pastor's son, who is also a good friend of Mark's. We're so thankful to God for providing Mark with a Christian peer.



Mark's friend, Zack, came for a sleepover at our place. We all had a great time!

### Please pray

- for spiritual refreshment for Pedro in the midst of a particularly heavy workload over the next month.
- that our car purchase and associated paperwork can be finalised this week.
   There is a long weekend coming up and we'd love to take the family for a drive out of the city!
- for Susana, Joy's language teacher, who is currently in France caring for her
  husband who is undergoing cancer treatment. Please pray that God would use
  this difficult time to bring them to himself, and that he would use us in this
  work.
- that God would provide other ways for Joy to keep working on her Spanish while Susana is away.

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Philippians 4:17

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