

January Prayer Update 2024



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

*Serving the Lord in Uruguay*



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**Dear Friends,**



After a lovely break at the beginning of January, Pedro hopped onto a plane to Chile for an 8-day IFES conference for the Southern Cone countries of South America (Chile, Argentina, Paraguay, Uruguay, and Brazil). The conference draws in the more committed members of the student movements, to train them in various aspects of student ministry. It also provides a chance for staff to get together from the different movements to make plans. Praise God, it was a very timely and worthwhile trip. Here are some of the highlights for Pedro:

- The chance to meet the staff of the other student movements in our region, share mission ideas, hear about the challenges, and plan forward into the future. This was particularly encouraging for me. It was the first time I had met most of them in person.
- The opportunity to train people from five separate countries in evangelism. It was lovely to hear the gospel in Portuguese!
- The Brazilian students were so moved by what the Uruguayan students shared about the encouragements and challenges of the mission in Uruguay, that those who live in the south of Brazil want to support us by joining our upcoming national camp in March.
- Having the time to sit down and have a meaningful conversation with each of the students and staff in the Uruguayan delegation to see how they are going with the Lord and how they can be serving Jesus this year.
- The enthusiasm of one student from Paraguay who, after hearing about how we use MOCLAM to train students in Uruguay, would like to start a course this year.

- Seeing Amy Stevens, a fellow Australian CMS missionary, continually pointing students to Jesus.
- The expression of love and partnership in the gospel, as Joy stayed in Montevideo with the three kids and looked after them alone, to enable me to go.



*"Meet" some of the students Pedro met at Conosur and hear how you can pray for them: <https://vimeo.com/904830524>*

## **Thank God**

- for a restful and fun staycation for the family at the start of January
- for all the encouragements and highlights from Pedro's trip to Chile
- for watching over Joy and the kids, helping them to love and serve one another in Pedro's absence, and the opportunity to partner with him in the important work he was doing in Chile
- that Joy's International Driver's License arrived just in time before Pedro's trip, and the great blessing the car was while he was away!

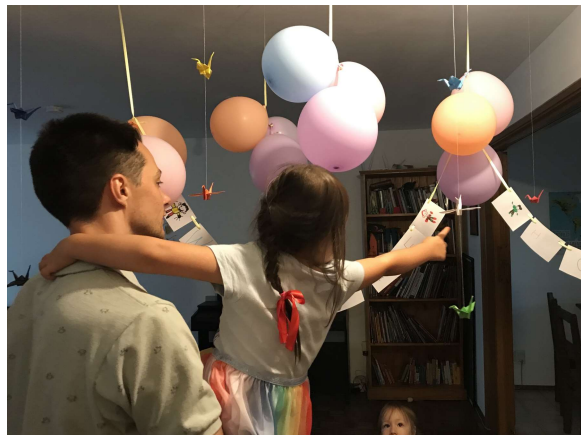




*We did miss Pedro, but thankfully not so much that we couldn't enjoy our icy poles.*

## **Please pray**

- that the gospel would go out through these student movements in a way that honours Jesus.
- that the relationships that were formed and grew over those eight days would bear fruit into the future.
- that we would do well in our follow-up of students after the conference.
- that God would help us to renew our energy in the days before we head to Brazil to visit Pedro's grandmother and wider family.
- for safe travels to Brazil, a fun time for the kids, and faithful gospel witness and meaningful conversations about Jesus with Pedro's relatives.



*Happy reunions!*

## **Did you go to Summer School?**

We have been joining in via "live" stream (delayed by some hours!) and are very grateful for the gospel encouragement and teaching we received. We'd love to hear a specific encouragement (or even rebuke!) that the Lord gave you through Summer School this year!

*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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