

September Prayer Update 2024



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Serving the Lord in Uruguay



Dear Friends,

In August's prayer letter, we shared about the joy of feeling more integrated into Uruguayan life and society. Our recent house move really highlighted the blessing of our community, friends, and family in Christ here in Montevideo. Our hearts were warmed too, by how many of you rejoiced with us!

Well, this month, we want to share another joy of belonging: to the fellowship of university Christian groups in Latin America. We are learning that although there are many differences amongst Latinos across the continent, these Christian groups have a shared purpose that brings them together in a profound and beautiful way: to make Christ known for the glory of God. They are constantly sharing resources, their teaching materials, as well as their teachers. This provides many opportunities for us to learn from one another and support one another in reaching uni students for Christ.

Pedro: New connections with the GBU (Grupo Bíblico Universitario) in Chile



For some time now, we've observed the mutual trust, commitment, and fellowship between the different university Christian groups across the continent. In January, my trip to Chile (to attend the IFES regional conference in Santiago) enabled me to experience some of this first hand. The trip also opened up opportunities to be included into this wider fellowship. A few months later, I was invited to teach at a training weekend for student leaders of the Chilean GBU.

This group of student leaders are in the process of writing a set of Bible studies on 1, 2, and 3 John, and my job was to give them the big picture of what these letters are about. I was a little bit nervous. Chileans are famous for speaking fast and using words no one else in Latin America uses. But it was so encouraging to see the students engaging deeply with God's word, asking lots of good questions, and seeing its relevance for the here and now.

Please pray for the GBU in Chile. The pandemic hit them hard and they are still recovering. They are very low on staff workers, particularly considering how big Chile is. But they are making Christ known and seeking to build up students in the faith. Pray that God raises up staff workers who can invest lots of time into the movement, pray that the process of writing and leading these Bible studies on 1-3 John would

bear fruit, and pray for wisdom amongst the staff team that they would know how to face the challenges of upcoming transitions.

Thank God

- for the hospitality of the GBU in bringing Pedro to Santiago, for the hospitality of the Overalls (CMS missionaries in Santiago) in giving Pedro a place to stay, and for God's care of Joy and the kids in Montevideo while he was away.
- that three MOCLAM groups are up and running and that we have seen non-Christians attending Bible studies on campus this semester.
- for recent opportunities to spend quality time with Roberto and Salomé's family, and for Roberto's genuine questions about the Bible.
- for a chance to meet our new neighbours Wilker, Virginia and their kids.



We had a fun day-trip to a farm with Roberto and Salomé's family. Please pray for more "over the BBQ" gospel conversations!

Please pray

- that CBU students would see the importance of gathering together to read the Bible and pray for one another through stressful exam periods.
- that non-Christians who come to CBU events or on campus Bible studies would continue coming and be drawn to Jesus through our witness and his

Word.

- that CBU students who are currently writing Bible studies on the book of Acts would grow through the experience. Pray also that these studies would bear fruit on campus.
- that God would make our family a faithful witness to his goodness and truth to those around us, including neighbours, school families and friends.



We're enjoying getting to know our new neighbours Wilker, Virginia and their 3 kids. Just today, we had our second play date at the park together - their youngest even skipped school to be there!

Thank you for upholding us in prayer!

From Pedro and Joy, with Mark, Zoe and Emilia

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