

January Prayer Update 2025



Pedro and Joy Oliveira Woolmer
with Mark, Zoe and Emilia

Serving the Lord in Uruguay



Dear Friends,

February was our month with Joy's parents! In God's kindness, we got to spend a whole month with them (a week longer than expected due to unforeseen circumstances), and every day was precious. We felt so thankful to God for all the wonderful places, people, and things we could share with them. Visitors always make us feel proud of Uruguay - maybe it's the chance to "be the locals" to people who are even more foreign than us! But it gives us such joy to be able to share what we love about Uruguay with those who are discovering it for the first time.

It was also really heartwarming to see Joy's mum and dad "hang out" with the kids and for them to get to know their maternal grandparents. It was a special treat to have our visitors here during the school holidays, before daily routines and ministry get busy. We felt so loved by them! It was very sad to see them go, but we have lots of photos, videos and stories to remember our time by. Thanks so much for praying

for our time together. It was a real blessing. Here are some highlights, followed by some thanks and prayer points to fuel your prayers!



Holidays! It was great to take Joy's parents to Piriápolis and spend a few days in a quieter part of Uruguay, to rest and get over the jet lag!



Lunar New Year How special to kick off another year of CBU ministry celebrating Chinese New Year with Joy's parents as the special (authentically Chinese!) guests!



Asado We went out for a traditional Sunday lunch barbecue after church one week. Joy's parents tried and liked (almost!) everything, including hígado (liver) and riñón (kidney). Such a great cross-cultural achievement!



Minas, Lavalleja. Car trips were always fun and great for deeper conversations. This photo was taken in a national park in Minas, our favourite Uruguayan town, 2 hours from Montevideo.



Parque Rodó No visit to Uruguay would be complete without a post-bedtime family outing! We took the kids to a mini theme park called Parque Rodó, got churros, and enjoyed the night sea (river, actually) breeze.



Just hanging out The touristy things were fun. But the home days were really special too, just hanging out, playing games, building Lego, watching Bluey, eating PorPor's delicious home cooking (*PorPor* means maternal grandmother in Cantonese)...the list goes on and on!

Thank God

- for a good mix of rest and refreshment, connecting with friends and neighbours, and precious time with family visiting over the summer. We feel recharged and ready for the year!
- for the opportunity that Joy's parents had to visit us and for a really special time with them. They've returned safely to Sydney feeling encouraged and comforted by God's care of us here.
- for a productive month of teaching preparation for Pedro, and the personal blessing it has been for him to study Hebrews in order to teach it.
- for the chance to reconnect with CBU staff and students before busy school and university schedules begin.



Please pray

- that Mark, Zoe and Emi have a positive start to the school year. Their first day is March 5.
- particularly for Emi who will be starting preschool in Spanish. It will be a steep learning curve for her in more ways than one!
- for the availabilities of interested MOCLAM students to coincide so that groups can be organised and classes started soon.
- for Pedro and the CBU to prepare well for the CBU camp in April, and also for many students to register and attend.
- as our church Bible study group resumes on March 13, for humility, eagerness, and obedience as we begin a two parallel series on Doctrines and the Psalms.
- for wisdom for Joy as she begins a new stage of life with three kids in school. She'll have 4 kid-free hours in the afternoon from Monday to Friday!

Thank you for upholding us in prayer! We thank God for you.

From Pedro and Joy, with 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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