

May Prayer Update 2025



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with Mark, Zoe and Emilia

Serving the Lord in Uruguay



Dear Friends,

The month of May was very full, and we'd like to share some of the things that have been keeping us busy through four photos, with stories and prayer points attached. You can watch it as a [video](#) or scroll down for the text version. The full list of prayer and thanks points are also down the bottom. Enjoy, and thanks for praying!



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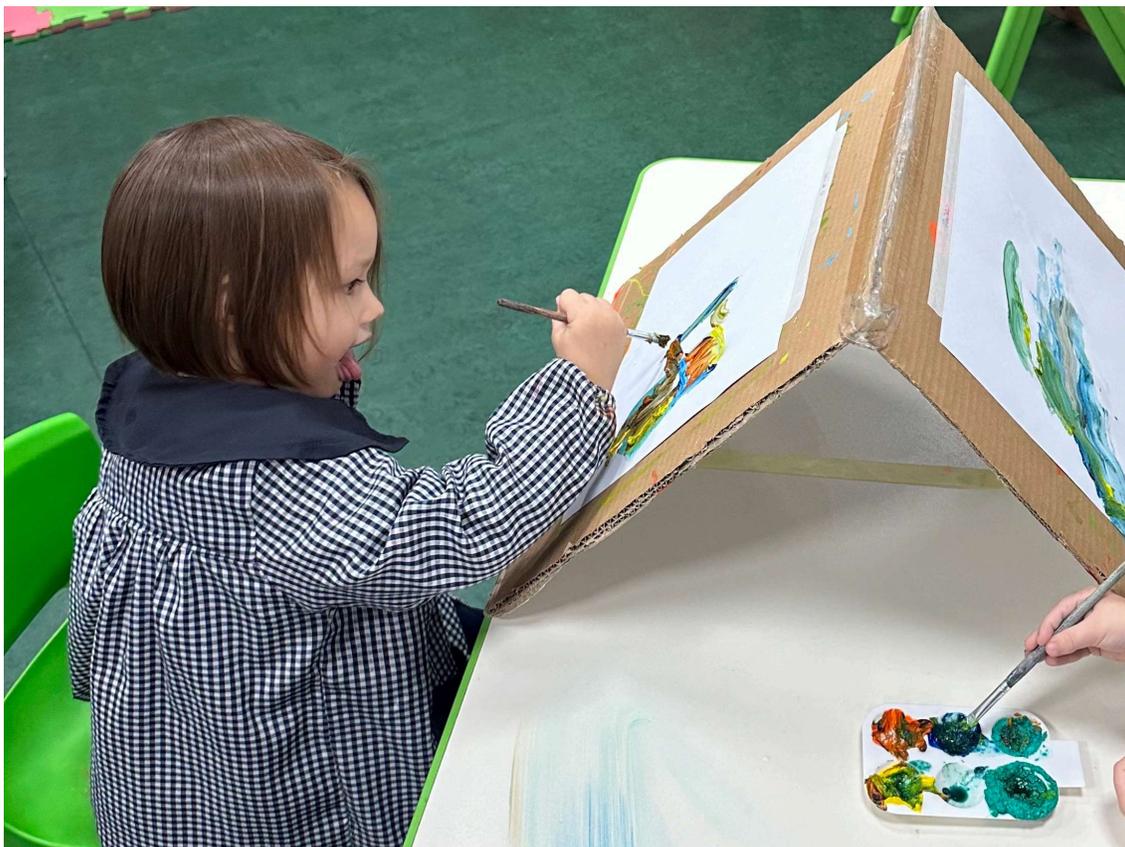


Photo 1: It's been two months since Emi started preschool - so it's been two months of a new season of motherhood for me, with all three kids at school for a few hours in the afternoon. And it's been great! God has been so generous and timely in giving me precious opportunities to read the Bible with young women in the CBU and from church. But the most exciting opportunity I've had has been with Romina, a school mum whose daughter goes to preschool with Emi. We met on their first day of preschool, and four weeks later, Romi had invited herself and her

family to come to church with us on Easter Sunday. Shortly after, she asked if I could recommend a Bible to her, and of course, I had to ask if she'd like to read it with me! We've been meeting every fortnight to read through the gospel of Mark together, and I am still a bit gobsmacked by how God brought all of this about. We've been in Uruguay for almost five and a half years now, and she's the first non-Christian to read the Bible with me here. Thank God for the joy it is to introduce Romina to Jesus, and please pray that God would convict her of the gospel.

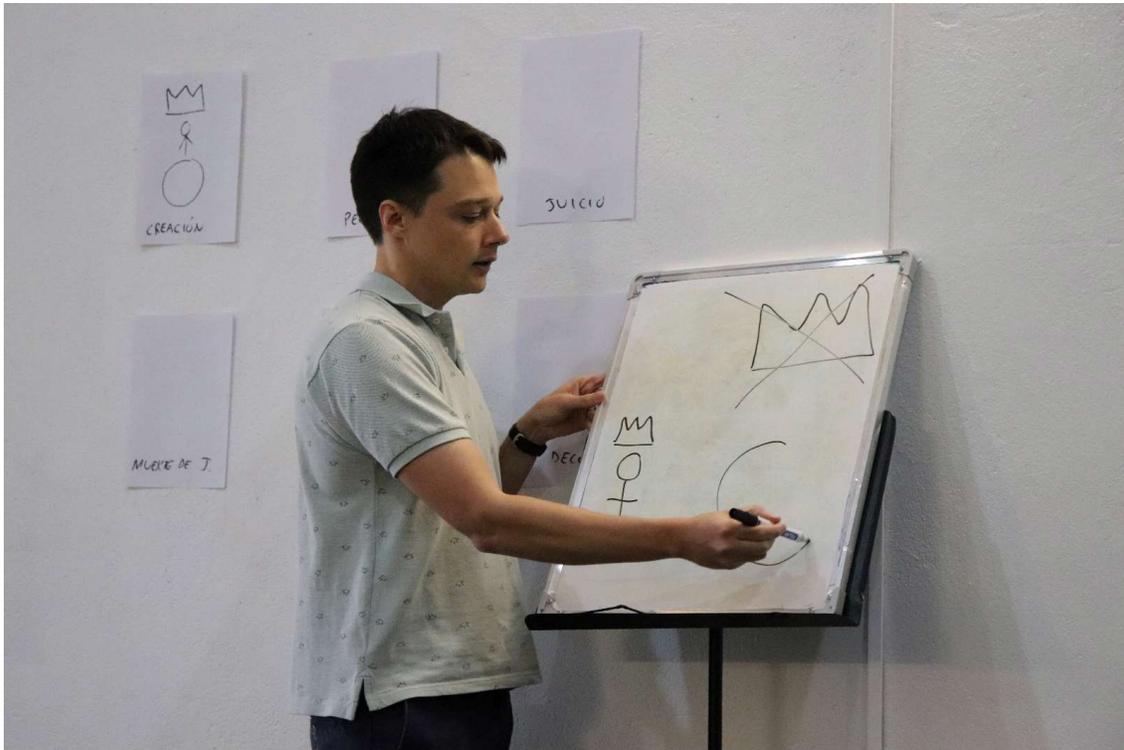


Photo 2: The CBU holds monthly public events on a certain theme of life and Christianity. The theme for May and June is evangelism. Last month, I gave the first of two workshops on evangelism, and this coming Saturday, I'll be giving the second. The great thing about giving these workshops over two months is that we could focus on knowing the gospel in May and then talk about the practicalities of sharing the gospel in June. There are ever-present threats to the preaching of the true gospel in Uruguay (and in Latin America), whether that be things added on to the gospel or things taken away from the gospel. We've been reminded again and again that we should never assume that the students know what the gospel is. In terms of evangelism, the overwhelming opinion in Uruguay is that it's too hard, that Uruguayans don't listen to Christians, and so there's little point in trying. Please pray that we can transmit some much needed 'gospel optimism' to the students.



Photo 3: Here are Aby and Pipo, who are engaged to be married in September! We've known them for as long as we've been in Uruguay, before they were a couple. Aby was my language helper, and Pipo, well Pipo seemed wary not to get recruited by the new missionary! But thanks be to God, over time, both Pipo and Aby have involved us into their lives and we have had the great privilege of doing marriage prep with them over the last few months. Please pray that they would begin their married life well, with Christ at the centre of their marriage, and that it would be a great blessing to them, their families, and those around them.



Photo 4: We started going to our current church about three years ago. Things started slowly: we were getting to know the church, and they were getting to know us. We became formal members of the church two years ago, and began to serve in different ways. We're so thankful that over time, God has allowed trust to grow between us and the church. Last year, I began to chat to our pastor about MOCLAM and these conversations led to meetings with the church elders. We were very excited when they told us they were on board with MOCLAM and would encourage people from church to do MOCLAM courses, after completing a discipleship course that the church itself offers. And so this semester I have been teaching Agustín, Julio and Nico the first subject of what in Australia is called PTC. It's really exciting. The three of them are young men who have various teaching roles at church. We see them as possible future pastors of our church or of other churches. They've been telling me and others of how good (and challenging!) the course has been for them. Please pray that news will get out about the quality of the MOCLAM material, that more people will study it with us, and its reach will expand into other churches.

Lasting Hope Appeal

The ministry we get to do in Uruguay today is the fruit of more than five years of committed gospel partnership. To put it very simply, we wouldn't be here doing the work we are doing without the CMS fellowship. The CMS Lasting Hope Appeal is one of the ways people express their partnership in the gospel to keep missionaries

like us serving on location, as well as raise up new workers for God's harvest. Will you prayerfully consider giving to support CMS missionaries as they share the gospel of lasting hope? If you would like to contribute please go to cms.org.au/nswact/lastinghope before June 30.



Thank God

- for the women Joy is reading the Bible with (particularly for Romina), and that God speaks to us through his word!
- for the two CBU workshops on Evangelism in May and June, and for the gospel that is God's power for salvation.
- for Aby and Pipo, for their upcoming wedding, and for the opportunity to think deeply with them about God's design and plan for marriage.
- for MOCLAM's expanding reach in Uruguay, and the joy of seeing Agustín, Julio and Nico hunger to know God and his word.

Please pray

- for God's word to convict Romina of its truth, that she would respond to the gospel with joy and repentance.
- for the second evangelism workshop this Saturday to be clear, helpful, and fruitful over time. Pray that students would be convinced of God's active work in the world today, and desire to be a part of it!
- for Aby and Pipo as they prepare for married life, for our final two sessions of marriage prep, and for their marriage to be a safe and strong place that testifies to Christ and his church
- for Agustín, Julio and Nico as they finish the first MOCLAM course this month and prepare for the exam. Pray also for MOCLAM to become a trusted resource in the wider Christian community here in Uruguay.
- for Pedro and Joy as they prepare for and speak at a Baptist Youth Convention in Canelones, a department in the interior of Uruguay on June 21. The theme is *Living out what you believe*, and Pedro will be giving a Bible talk followed by a workshop they will give together.

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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