

## July Prayer Update 2025



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

*Serving the Lord in Uruguay*



Dear Friends,

July is normally a month when things feel a bit...flat. Students are doing their exams, campus ministry goes into recess and everyone feels cold and damp! But God is at work in season and out of season, so this month we want to share with you ways God has been working through our teaching ministries.

### **Joy: Church women's event**

Often when we share about formal teaching opportunities, we speak about Pedro preaching at church, speaking at a camp, leading Bible studies or giving CBU workshops. But in July, God gave me the opportunity to preach at church at a women's event! Our focus for the event was Romans 8, with four women preaching on a section of the chapter. My passage was Romans 8:5-17, and what a great passage! It was a very valuable experience for me - to go from "what a great

opportunity!” to “why did I agree to this?!” and finally to, “I am so excited to share what I’ve learned with others!” The event was a big encouragement to many - there were more than 50 of us gathered together to learn from God’s word, preached by women to women! It was also a big encouragement to me personally, to see a real hunger among the women at church to sit under God’s word together, as well as to hear the other three women preach. Praise God for the teaching gifts he has blessed our church with!



*Church women's event in July, where Paula, Joy, Angie, and Lorena (pictured at the pulpit) gave talks on Romans 8.*

## **A door to other opportunities**

What often seems to happen is that once we are given one opportunity to do some Bible teaching in a new context, it becomes an open door to more opportunities. Joy’s Bible talk on Romans 8 was her first preaching opportunity in Uruguay since arriving more than five years ago. But she’s already been invited to speak again! This time she will be speaking on Ephesians 4:7-16 at the young people’s meeting. Once a month, they split the guys and the girls, and so Joy will be giving the talk to women of the group. We’re encouraged and excited that people are starting to see both of us as Bible teachers. Please pray that we would model together how to read God’s word, apply it to ourselves first, and apply it faithfully to the lives of those we minister to.

## **Pedro: Teaching Hebrews (not Hebrew!) at the seminary**



Over the last six weeks, I have been teaching a course in the Uruguay Bible Seminary. There's an amazing mix of people in my class, with people from a variety of churches and different denominations: imagine Pentecostals, Baptists, Mennonites, and free evangelicals all gathered together to learn from the Letter to the Hebrews! The brilliant thing about MOCLAM is that it has given me a good structure for developing a course on a book of the Bible. It's hard work, but I think it's paying off! The students are not used to reading a text of the Bible and doing careful exegesis of it. So it's wonderful to see their willingness to learn and be challenged in this area. It's so good to witness 'lightbulb moments' when individual students realise that the text itself is speaking relevantly into their lives.

## Thank God

- for the women's event at church and the opportunity Joy had to teach on Romans 8.
- that students are learning important skills for reading and understanding biblical text through Pedro's course on Hebrews.
- for teaching us many things as we study his word to teach others.
- that after a bit of a discouraging lull, Romina (non-Christian mum from school) wants to meet with Joy to read the Bible again.

## Please pray

- for Romina to see her need for repentance and new life in Christ as she and Joy continue their reading of the gospel of Mark together.

- for the remaining classes on Hebrews at the seminary to be taught and received well, and for students to consolidate what they have learned through the assessment activity.
- for Joy as she prepares to preach on Ephesians 4 (August 16). Please pray for personal growth and conviction, and for the ability to teach it well to the young women at church.
- for conversations with potential MOCLAM students starting in August/September.

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

*From Pedro and Joy, with Mark, Zoe and Emilia*

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that increases to your credit."*

Philippians 4:17

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