

September/October Prayer Update 2025



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with Mark, Zoe and Emilia

Serving the Lord in Uruguay



Dear Friends,

September and October have been pretty 'ordinary' months - in a good way! One of the most encouraging and enjoyable parts of our ministry in Uruguay is meeting regularly with Christians and non-Christians to grow together in our relationship with Jesus through reading his word. And although it's not usually an eventful ministry to

talk about, we want you to keep praying for these men and women! In this prayer letter, we'd like to give you an update on some of the people we've mentioned in the past, as well as introduce you to others. We hope you recognise some of the faces and names from previous prayer letters, and continue to commit these precious people to the Lord in your prayers!

Veronika

Back in our March update, I (Joy) introduced you to Veronika (pictured below), a Chemistry student in the CBU who has been my Bible memorisation buddy this year. We learn one or two verses every week, and send Whatsapp audios to one another for accountability. And once a month, we meet to chat about the verses we've memorised and share our insights as we've meditated on these passages. We're currently memorising Ephesians 1, and are almost at the end of the chapter. Without any clever planning on my part, our time in Ephesians 1 has been particularly stretching for Veronika. She shared how at first, she felt really confronted and uncomfortable with what Ephesians 1 says about predestination. But over time, she has come to feel both loved and comforted by God's election. She was also really struck by how Paul keeps going back to the praise of God's glory, and how everything, including her own salvation and spiritual growth, is meant to point to God's glory and lead to his praise! Please keep praying that God would use the passages we've memorised to shape our hearts and minds!



Veronika and Facundo with Pedro. Taken during walk-up evangelism outside the Medicine/Chemistry faculty.

Facundo

Facundo (pictured above) is a Chemistry student who has been in the Medicine/Chemistry Bible study group with me (Pedro) since the start of 2023. Last year he started his first MOCLAM course and he's halfway through his second. You might recognise Facundo's face from a past prayer letter! He's from a town fairly close to the border with Brazil and makes the 3.5 hour trip from Montevideo every weekend to serve in his church and be with his family. There are very few churches in his hometown and the churches are small. From our conversations, I've seen his

heart for this part of Uruguay and his desire to serve the church there long term. His church is cared for by one elder, who is elderly, with no one being trained up to take his place. Last week, he asked me if there was a possibility to do more than one MOCLAM subject at a time: he's realised that he needs to take on more MOCLAM subjects at a time if he wants to finish the preliminary certificate! It was great to hear his eagerness, and his commitment to double his MOCLAM study load next year. What an encouragement! Please pray that he would apply what he's learning in MOCLAM to build up his local church in the gospel through good Bible teaching. Thinking further ahead, please also pray that God would equip him to be a future leader of his church, who models godly character and teaches with clarity and conviction.

Romina

Romina is a non-Christian mum that I (Joy) met through the kids' school in March this year. She and her family visited our church at Easter time. Since April, we've been meeting to read Mark's gospel together. That all sounds very encouraging, except that it really hasn't been! She's cancelled on me more times than we've managed to meet up, often after the time we were meant to video-call or meet in person. Each time we've been able to read, I've felt encouraged - she engages with the biblical text, asks thoughtful questions, and is not afraid to relate what we read to her own life. She often says she values our time together and feels strengthened by our chats, but then cancels/reschedules the next two or three meetings. And although she admits she's a sinner and needs Jesus, it's not really her priority. In our last catch-up, we read Mark 4: Jesus' parable of the sower, the seed and the soils. She identified with the thorny soil, and shared how hard it is for her not to put all her time and effort into earning more, and having more. Although she sees the folly of pursuing wealth, she can't seem to break free from it. Please pray that God would impress this struggle deep into her heart, and show her the freedom that Jesus died to offer us. Please also pray for me to be gracious towards her, to keep entrusting my efforts to God, and not to grow weary in evangelism!

Mateo

Pedro writes: Mateo is a young man from our church who has recently re-committed himself to Christ. And what a change is taking place! He has a deep concern for the lost and can't help talking about Jesus with friends and family, as well as new people he meets. When we read the Bible together he is sensitive to where he needs to grow and seeks God's help in this. I find myself challenged as he ruthlessly applies the Bible to his own life. Joy and I have been taking him and his fiancée through marriage preparation over the last six months, and it is a real joy to support them as they consider (almost from zero) what it means to be a married couple for Christ. Please pray that he would continue to grow in Christ-likeness and that he would have the joy of seeing his friends, family, and acquaintances come to Christ through his witness. It's rare to find Biblically-faithful evangelists in Montevideo, so please pray too that his zeal would be contagious!

Carolina and Florencia

Last Thursday, Carolina, Florencia and I (Joy) met together to start studying 1 Thessalonians together. Carolina and Florencia are young women from our church: Carolina is a stay-at-home mum with a one-year-old daughter, and Florencia is about to celebrate her first wedding anniversary next month. Carolina's had her fair share of new-mum challenges since their daughter was born; sleep deprivation, loneliness, and feelings of unproductivity, to name a few. And Florencia is loving married life but wondering (and freaking out) about motherhood, as she and her husband think about growing their family next year. Both have had some big life changes over the last year, and both are free on Thursday afternoons! So I saw an opportunity there. Our first meeting was encouraging! Carolina made a carrot cake for us, and we shared about what it means to wait actively for Jesus's return in our daily lives. We also reflected on our Christian witness as individuals and as a church, and prayed that God would make us more courageous and 'contagious' for Jesus' sake. My hope for

our fortnightly meetings is to bring the Bible and Christian fellowship to Carolina, while also giving Florencia the opportunity to see what being a young mum can be like, with its joys and challenges. I would love you to pray that our time together would grow our love for Jesus and one another.

Project Galloway

Earlier this year, CMS purchased a block of 11 units on Galloway St in North Parramatta, to be used for missionary housing. The units are currently undergoing extensive renovations, with the first missionaries on Home Assignment expected to move in before Christmas! Will you prayerfully consider giving to this \$8 million project? To find out more or to make a donation, please visit <https://cms.org.au/project-galloway-give>.



Thank God

- for all the people we've mentioned in this prayer letter, and for our regular times together in His word.
- for the encouragement and love we received through Chris Mitchell's pastoral visit earlier this month.
- that Semester 2 for MOCLAM is well underway, with students eager to know God and the Bible better.

- that Pipo and Aby (Felipe and Abigail) are married! Joy is particularly thankful that the wedding went smoothly, and also relieved to take off her wedding planner hat!



Pedro's Thursday afternoon Old Testament MOCLAM group, from left to right: Facundo (mentioned above), Julian, Martina, and Mateo (not the one mentioned above).

Please pray

- that God would continue to work powerfully through His word to transform lives in Uruguay. Please pray particularly for those we mentioned in this prayer

letter!

- for our personal times of Bible reading and prayer, especially with a busy month ahead.
- for perseverance and courage in evangelism.
- for Pedro as he prepares and preaches on Colossians 2 this Sunday (November 2).

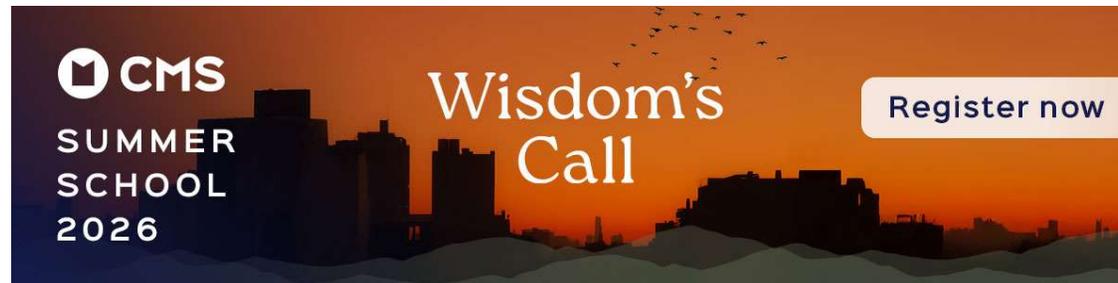


We present to you Mr and Mrs Duarte! Please pray for Pipo and Aby as they begin their married lives together.

Thank you for upholding us in prayer! We **really do** 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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