

January Prayer Update 2026



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with Mark, Zoe and Emilia



Serving the Lord in Uruguay

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your faithful prayers and partnership in 2025! We are encouraged by your partnership with us and energised to continue serving Jesus in 2026, alongside our brothers and sisters in Uruguay.

Saying goodbye

At the end of 2025, our kids finished up at their school. It's been our school community since we arrived in Montevideo in 2020. It's where Mark started school, six years ago, and where he and the girls have made big steps in language learning and building friendships. We're really thankful for the families we've gotten to know over this time. But it's now time to move to a new school, and we'd love you to pray as we get ready for this change. We think it'll be a really positive change for the kids, but also anticipate some challenges. Please pray for God to prepare kind teachers and classmates for our children, and for each of them to know God's strength and

help as they adapt to their new school. Pray also for us to be able to continue in friendship with some of the families from our old school despite seeing one another less regularly.



We're thankful for our teachers. Here is Mark with Sofía, his classroom teacher in 2021 and 2025. See how he's grown!

Christmas

We saw God's kindness in so many ways over the Christmas/New Year season. We often feel a bit homesick during this time of year, but not this time around! Gaby, a lovely young woman from our church, invited us to spend Christmas with her and her family! So we drove 3.5 hours to "El Ombú", a German Mennonite community where her family live, to be "adopted" into her home, her extended family, and wider community for the week!



Spending Christmas with Gaby's family in "El Ombú". We even went corn picking!

Visiting ABUA (Asociación Bíblica Universitaria Argentina)



One of the wonderful and different things about serving in student ministry in Latin America is that there is often a lot of cross-collaboration between the student groups because it's relatively easy to move between countries. The group in Buenos Aires, Argentina (called ABUA) invited our family to attend their Escuela de Verano (Summer School) from January 5-9. Pedro taught a MOCLAM intensive and we all had the opportunity to spend time with the students, encouraging them in their faith

and evangelism. It was truly wonderful to see how years and years of good foundations, laid in many ways by our fellow CMS missionaries, has built this group into a faithful, gospel-hearted fellowship who have their priorities in the right places. We were so encouraged to see them navigating through a significant transition in a gospel-centred and godly way. Pray that God raises up financial support to enable their volunteer staff workers to commit more time to serving the ministry.



Go to the image (or <https://vimeo.com/1153316126>) for a fun clip of Zoe and some of the women of ABUA playing a clapping game called "mariposa" (butterfly). We're thankful for ABUA's warmth and hospitality to our whole family.

CMS Summer School

We are working our way through the talks from CMS Summer School - and loving them! We are so thankful to be able to receive such rich and nourishing teaching with our brothers and sisters at Summer School. **We'd love to hear how you've been challenged by the book of Proverbs this week - please write to us!**

Thank God

- for a special time over Christmas with Gaby and her family.
- that the kids have finished another year of school, and for all they have learned both inside and outside of the classroom.
- for a wonderful week of family holidays at the end of last year. It was the perfect mix of fun and rest for the whole family.
- for the opportunity to serve and be served by the evangelical student movement in Buenos Aires (ABUA).



Back in Piriápolis, our favourite place to recharge over the summer. We're so thankful for the church family who let us use their holiday house every year!

Please pray

- that the things that were taught at the Escuela de Verano would bear fruit in the lives of the students of ABUA.
- for God to raise up financial support to enable their volunteer staff workers to commit more time to serving the ministry. Pray that their leaders will guide and lead the group in godly wisdom.
- as we travel to Brazil on Monday and spend two weeks with Pedro's extended family, with cousins and siblings travelling from Germany and Australia to join us! Please pray for our Christian witness, and opportunities to show gospel love to Pedro's family.

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

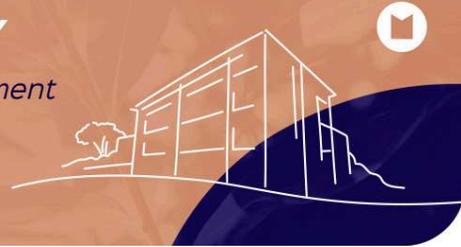
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Philippians 4:17

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