

February Prayer Update 2026



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with Mark, Zoe and Emilia

Serving the Lord in Uruguay



Dear Friends,

February has been a month of weddings, reconnecting, and preparing. Thanks for reading our update and praying for us!

Weddings



February has been a month of weddings! We witnessed two couples from our church exchange vows: Joaquín and Camila, and Mateo and Gabriela (pictured above). Over the last year, we have had the joy and privilege of walking with Mateo and Gabriela, reading the Bible with them individually and also meeting with them as a couple to prepare them for marriage. At their wedding last weekend, Pedro preached his first wedding sermon (ever!), on John 2 where Jesus turns water into the best wine. There were quite a number of non-Christian family and friends present, so please pray that God would work through this opportunity, and future conversations with the newly married couple (who are keen evangelists!) to save many who were there. Please pray also for Mateo and Gabriela as they begin married life together: that the Holy Spirit would grant them power and courage to put the things they learned during marriage preparation into practice!

Reconnecting



Three years in a row makes it a tradition right?

February is when we jump straight back into student ministry. The summer holidays are almost three months long, with most of the students disappearing for much of that time. So once people come back to Montevideo, we're keen to see them again!

As has become our tradition for the last three years, we start the new ministry year by celebrating the Lunar New Year. We invite a group of key students to make and eat Chinese food with our family, and it's a fun, delicious way to reconnect after the long summer.

We're starting to meet up one-to-one with students again, too. It's not unusual for students to have made big decisions over the holidays: L is changing degrees and moving to a different university. A is finishing their degree and looking for work. L is changing churches. M has become a student leader. And V now has a boyfriend. With the first one-to-ones for the year we start to get a feeling for what the year is going to be like for the students we are discipling, which often means being flexible and adjusting plans we had.

Earlier this week, we recently had a staff planning day followed by a staff and student committee planning day. The most encouraging thing was seeing students come with enthusiasm and ideas for the ministry. Joy and I have never studied in Uruguay, so their input is incredibly valuable to know what is possible in terms of Bible studies, evangelism and events on campus here. Mateo, who I have been reading with for a

couple of years now and who will be doing his third MOCLAM subject this semester, is the student leader in charge of the Bible studies. I'm really excited to see his contributions in this area of ministry, and to see him grow in his ability to handle God's word. We also planned out the Annual CBU camp (end of March), and feel overwhelmed by the amount of things that need to be done before then! We would value your prayers for a busy first semester.

Preparing

Thanks to everyone who has been praying for our kids as they start at a new school! Unlike in Australia, school still hasn't started yet - but it will very soon! Monday (March 2) is everyone's first day. The house is full of nerves, and not just because of the kids! Please do pray for us as we get ourselves organised both practically (each child has two A4 pages of compulsory "Back to School" lists!) and mentally. We would love you to pray particularly that Mark, Zoe, and Emilia would have kind teachers and each make a friend in the first few weeks. Pray that they would experience God as a refuge in times of fear and uncertainty. Pray also that we would live genuinely and courageously for Jesus in this new community.

Thank God

- for safe travels to, from, and within Brazil in January. It was a blessing to spend time with Pedro's extended family, and we were encouraged by the willingness of some to ask us about our ministry in Uruguay, as well as questions about Jesus. Please pray that God would grow the seeds of the gospel that were sown.
- for Pedro's mum's visit with us. Cleo said it was the best time she's had here, and we're thankful for the opportunities to talk about Jesus and how she feels about our lives here.
- that Mateo and Gaby are married! And also for the opportunity we had to do marriage preparation with them.
- that the CBU students we were discipling last year are keen to continue this year - what an encouragement!



Thanks for praying for Cleo's visit! We loved having Vovó with us.

Please pray

- that Pedro would preach faithfully and engagingly at church camp this weekend (Feb 28-March 1).
- that our CBU, MOCLAM, and personal evangelism ministries would restart well: that we would connect with new students/contacts and build on relationships we already have.
- that God would provide a suitable time for the larger than normal MOCLAM group doing Doctrine this semester.
- that we would put God at the centre of the CBU camp, and for the students to be built up in his Word.

for us all as we adjust to a new school and new routines. Please pray particularly for Mark and Zoe who will have long school days (8:30am-5:15pm).

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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