

July Prayer Update 2026



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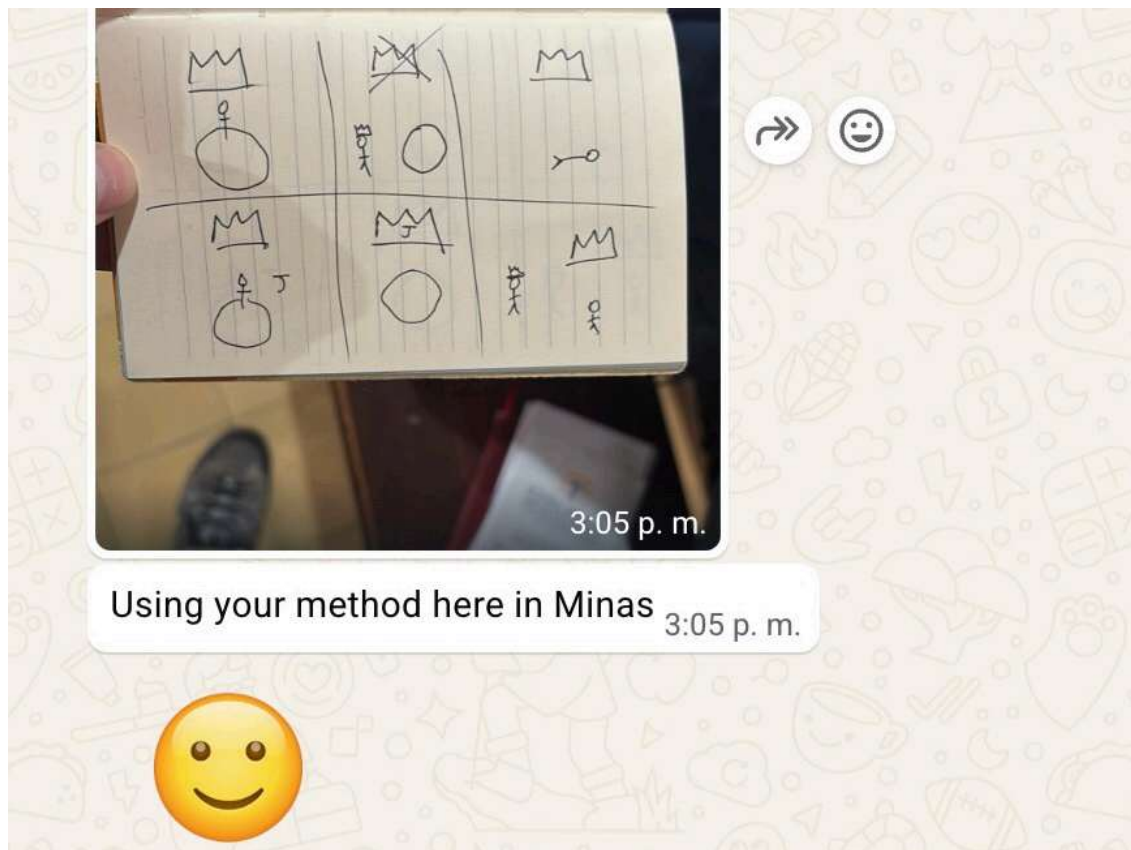
Serving the Lord in Uruguay



Dear Friends,

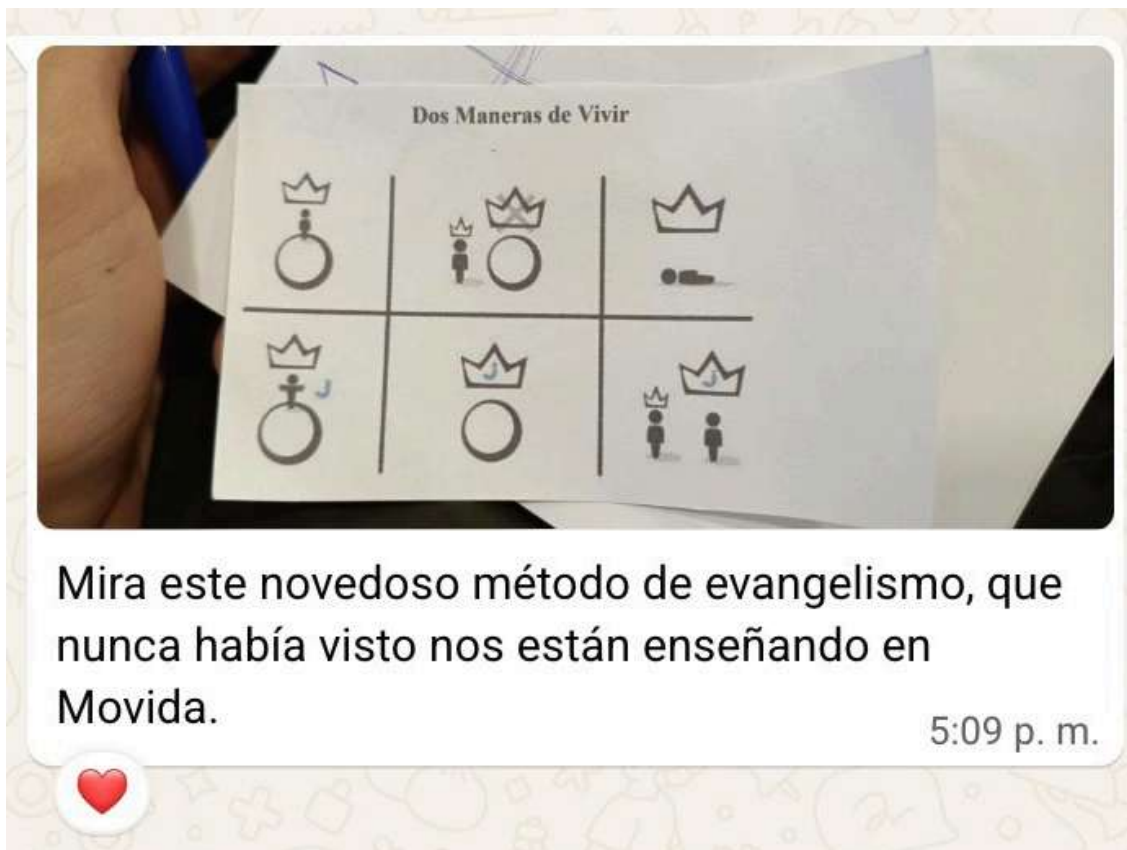
July has been a quieter month for our regular ministries. Campus ministry has been on recess and we have had our fair share of last-minute cancellations due to sickness with the people we meet with one to one. We had two weeks of school holidays, so many of Joy's usual ministry commitments were put on pause in order to prioritise time with our kids. It's also been a bit of a discouraging month for personal evangelism. And so ministry-wise, we've doubted our usefulness! We've wondered if things have been a bit "too quiet". (We won't lie, sitting down to write this prayer letter wasn't all that easy!) But in the midst of all this, we have been reminded that God is at work through our efforts, far beyond what we can see or know - even when we are resting or wondering why we're not doing more.

Over the years and in various contexts, we have trained others in evangelism using the gospel presentation "Two Ways to Live". And we love it when people tell us of the opportunities they've had to share Two Ways to Live in personal evangelism. Not only because it's a clear presentation of the gospel to non-Christians, but also because it becomes an important catechism for Christians. To our encouragement and delight, Pedro received these messages from Andrew and Lucas last month:



From Andrew, the pastor of our church

It all started sometime last year, when Pedro was doing some walk-up evangelism with Agustín, a young man who heads up the evangelism team at our church. Pedro presented the gospel using Two Ways to Live, and it made such an impression on Agustín, that he went and told our pastor, Andrew, about it. Shortly after this, Andrew asked Pedro to show him Two Ways to Live over church lunch. And then, in December last year, Andrew invited Pedro to teach Two Ways to Live at an evangelism workshop at church. Last month, over a year after Pedro first shared Two Ways to Live with Agustín, he received this message from our pastor Andrew, who was on an evangelistic weekend trip to Minas (a town in the interior of Uruguay) with a group of young adults from our church. Although we weren't in Minas doing evangelism ourselves, it was so great to see Two Ways to Live being used by those who did go!



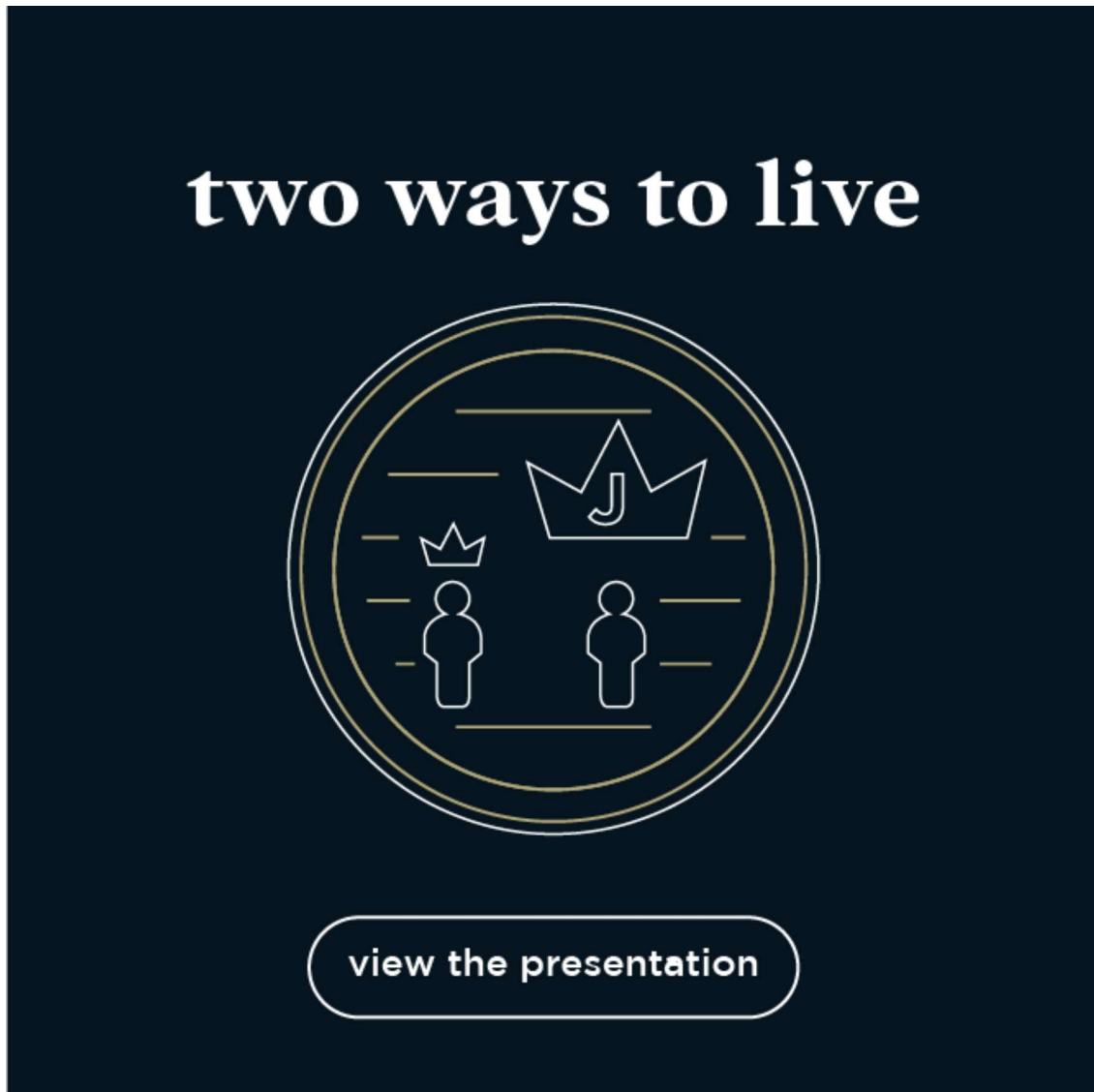
A cheeky comment from Lucas, a university student that Pedro disciples: “Check out this innovative method of evangelism, which I've never seen before, that they're teaching us at Movida.”

Lucas is a university student with a heart for reaching the lost. He was at an evangelism workshop run by Movida, a local movement which organises events and evangelism training in Uruguay. We don't work closely with Movida, so it was a particularly cool surprise for us (and for Lucas, it seems!) to see Two Ways to Live being used at their training event! It's amazing how this has come about. Priscilla, the woman teaching Two Ways to Live at the Movida event, used to work with Pedro in the CBU. In 2022, she was supposed to do an evangelism workshop with another CBU staff worker. Unfortunately, this other staff worker dropped out last minute. Fortunately, Priscilla asked Pedro to step in! It was so last minute that Pedro didn't have much time to prepare. But he had Two Ways to Live. Priscilla saw the presentation, liked it so much she asked Pedro afterwards to teach her how to teach other people to use it. It's been a while since we've seen Priscilla, but it was great to see how she continues to use Two Ways to Live to train others in evangelism, even as she is now involved in other ministries.

It's not about us!

Both stories are admittedly confusing: one opportunity leading to another; first with one person, and then with someone else. Like a game of hot potato, we'd understand if you got a bit lost trying to follow along! But isn't it wonderful that this is how God works? We are so thankful that God uses our efforts to bring his gospel to

people outside of our individual reach. It was so kind of God to show us a glimpse of that during a moment of discouragement. It reminds us that evangelism really is a team sport (as Pedro reminded us at church in his sermon on Colossians 4 a few weeks ago!) We are small, limited, and not always very useful. But God is not, and he is at work.



If Two Ways to Live is new to you, why not head over to twowaystolive.com to find out more!

Thank God

- For a restful family week off during the July school holidays. We enjoyed good health and lots of time together as a family which refreshed us all!
- That it's not about us! Thank God that his plans are bigger than ours, and for the way he uses our efforts to further his mission in the world.
- For the encouragement of seeing others take up Two Ways to Live in their personal evangelism, as well as teaching it to others.



Enjoying the outdoors at the Botanic Gardens.

Please pray

- That even as life and ministry get busy again, we would keep remembering that God is Lord of his mission and depend whole-heartedly on him.
- For "Woman of the Word", a women's event at our church this Saturday (August 8). Joy has been planning this event with our pastor's wife, and will be leading a small group on the day, teaching how to do inductive Bible study. Over 60 women have signed up!

- For Pedro and Joy as they prepare to give talks on "Idleness in the Book of Proverbs" to the Young Adults Group (August 15).
- That two MOCLAM groups can start classes in August. Pedro is hoping to start a new cohort on Creation to New Creation, and teach Christian Worship to the group that finished Doctrine last semester. As always, juggling everyone's availabilities is a challenge!
- That our neighbours would receive our invitation to visit the Growth Group in our house with openness and interest. We're hoping to invite a few this week.

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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