November Prayer Update 2026





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with Mark, Zoe and Emilia

Serving the Lord in Uruguay

Dear Friends,

As we pack our things and prepare ourselves for our home assignment, we would like to share with you what has become for us a key ministry and encouragement for us over the last few years: MOCLAM (Moore College in Latin America).

The seed



Nikola and Abigail, the first Uruguayan MOCLAM students in twenty years! (Taken in October 2021)

The beginning of our use of MOCLAM materials in Uruguay started out of nowhere, back in 2021. You may remember Abigail, the daughter of Jorge Bermúdez, the general secretary of Comunidad Bíblica Universitaria, the Uruguayan university student movement we have been serving with over the past seven years. Abigail, who was 18 at the time, was keen to do deeper study of the Bible but was stuck for options. And so Jorge, having done a MOCLAM subject decades ago with the last CMS missionaries who had served in Uruguay, asked if Pedro would consider teaching MOCLAM - not just to Abigail, but also to other CBU students interested in going deeper. Although Pedro had never taught MOCLAM in Spanish (nor PTC in English!), he was familiar with the material from studying at Moore College. And so in July 2021, Abigail and Nikola became the first Uruguayan MOCLAM students in twenty years.

The seedlings

Since then, more students have started taking MOCLAM courses. Perhaps most encouraging to us has been seeing students catch the MOCLAM bug after doing the first subject *Creation to New Creation*, and wanting to do more. After five and a half years of teaching MOCLAM, we have our first graduate of the preliminary certificate (hooray!) and many students who have done three or more subjects. Along with teaching the courses, we have sought to accompany the students in their spiritual lives so that they would grow in maturity and godly character, as well as their ability

to teach the Bible to others. Julian, Manuela, and Facundo share how MOCLAM has deepened their knowledge and appreciation for God's word:



Julian shares: The process of studying MOCLAM subjects has been really good. At the beginning, I found it hard to stay on top of the readings and understand them. But as I got to know the Bible better and began to understand its unified story, I found the topics more and more interesting and enjoyable. Studying MOCLAM has helped me to prepare my first Bible talks at my church's Young Adults service - I have been able to understand and better explain the Bible passages in order to share them with others.



Manuela shares: The MOCLAM classes were really dynamic and interesting, and I learned so much in every class. The activities we did together really helped me to understand the material clearly and retain what we learned. But most of all, doing *Creation to New Creation* has made me understand much more of the Bible, about God and his plan. Learning how every part of Scripture points to Jesus has also grown my knowledge and interest of the Old Testament. This has helped me to prepare Bible talks at church, and also in my own Bible reading.



Facundo shares: When I started the subject *Creation to New Creation*, I loved being able to see the whole Bible as a single book with one unified message. Since then, I've done three other subjects, and they have helped me to understand the biblical foundations of the Christian doctrines I already knew, and enabled me to grasp complex topics that I had never been able to understand before. To be able to dig deeper and discuss the material in our classes has made me want to do more MOCLAM!

MOCLAM in Uruguay still feels small, but we have a solid base to grow its reach and impact in this country. Our goal is to see these seedlings grow! To see students like Julian, Manuela, and Facundo teaching MOCLAM to others. To see churches in Montevideo and in the interior of Uruguay using MOCLAM to train their current and future leaders.

The need

Our upcoming home assignment marks seven years of life and ministry in Uruguay. The longer we are here, the more we see the need for solid theological education and the equipping of future leaders of the churches. In Australia, the pathways for people thinking of working in part-time or full-time vocational ministry are clear. We might joke about it being a 'sausage factory' (ministry apprentice to theological college student to assistant minister…) but the reality is that it's producing gospel workers. No such pathway exists in Uruguay. Even seminaries are not producing leaders. Last month Pedro finished teaching a Biblical studies subject to a class of twenty-five students, at one of the best known seminaries in Uruguay. Not one of them has a desire to work in pastoral ministry. We are working and praying that MOCLAM could be part of developing a pathway, working with local churches to form leaders. Please pray with us!

You're invited!

We hope to see many of you during our Home Assignment. You're welcome to any of these CMS events and Sunday church deputations - please get in touch to find out more!

NTE (National Training Event) in Canberra: Dec 7-8
CMS NSW & ACT Summer School in Katoomba: Jan 9-15
Cronulla Anglican: Feb 7
Freshwater Anglican: Feb 14
Saints Anglican (South Hurstville): Feb 21
Bowral Anglican: Feb 28
Christian Assembly of NSW (Auburn): March 7
Canberra Mission Focus: March 20-21
Re-commisioning Service: Saturday April 3 - mark the date!
West Wollongong Anglican: April 4-9

(If you're part of Campus Bible study or Unichurch UNSW and wondering why we haven't mentioned you, we'll be with you all from March 12-18, including the weekend away!)

Thank God

- for the seeds and seedlings of MOCLAM and God's work through this ministry in Uruguay.
- for many answered prayers in preparation for our home assignment - we have a car!
- that our elderly non-Christian neighbour Graciela came to the Bible study group in our home a few weeks ago, and for regular visits with Joy over the

last couple of months.

- for his sustaining love and care over seven years in Uruguay and for all he has done in and through us during this time.
- for Zoe and Emilia who both had birthdays this month! We are so thankful to God for them.



Here's a window into how we're feeling about leaving Uruguay and living in Australia for the next 5 months. Thanks to our training at St Andrew's Hall for inspiring this family tradition!

Please pray

- that all our MOCLAM students will finish their exams in a timely manner!
- for physical and emotional energy for all the 'lasts' and farewells leading up to our departure.
- for health, safety and good teamwork as we travel.
- particularly for Mark, Zoe and Emilia as they learn what living in Australia looks and feels like. They are definitely not going home!
- for happy reunions when we arrive in Sydney.
- for Pedro as he goes to Canberra for the National Training Event (NTE) on Dec 7-8.

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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"Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ. For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me."

Colossians 1:28-29

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