



PLANTING AND ASSISTING CHURCHES IN **URUGUAY**

“To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven” (Ecc. 3:1). Many of you know that the seasons are opposite on the northern and southern ends of the globe. Micki and I just came out of summer in Uruguay and are now entering it again in the States! We love the changing seasons which, for us, are matched by changing seasons of life.

In and Out of Season

The apostle Paul exhorted Timothy, “Preach the word; be instant in season [and] out of season” (2 Ti. 4:2). We had our best summer ever with our seminary men, all of whom “preached the word” to our church as part of their training. Now that seminary is over, they are faced with challenging school, work, and (some with) family situations. Sadly, one recently went through the experience of having his own father disciplined because of immorality. The son seems to be doing okay, but all of us would appreciate your prayers for his family and that this experience will serve to strengthen his own resolve to be faithful.

A Season to Travel

We have stayed in Illinois and Wisconsin for the first part of our furlough. Later in July, we will participate in a Wisconsin camp and then begin visiting our Michigan churches. Owen is excited about being a first-time camper! We enjoy travelling and find it rewarding for many reasons: we renew fellowship with friends and loved ones, we grow through the unique influence of each church, and we delight in promoting Uruguay as a worthy recipient of your love and prayers. We also have a lot more time with family!

A Season for Family

Micki, Owen, and I spend more time together when we are on the road. Micki tells me I am more relaxed when driving because I can't be working! I don't tell her that I am dreaming about future projects (actually, I do, and she usually becomes a cheerful participant!). Since I am a city-boy from Illinois, and she a farm-girl from Wisconsin, our conversations are like Fruity Pebbles: colorful, fun, and generally edifying. We are so thankful for our supportive parents and her grandparents who host us between meetings.

A Season to Pray

Please pray that God work in and through our family during this furlough. We will be heading back to Uruguay in November. Please also pray that our young men be “instant in season and out of season,” and for the repentance and restoration of this fallen father. We also appreciate your prayers for our institute and seminary. Institute classes are ongoing, and there is growing interest among men *and* women to study next summer. We want God to provide the right students at the right time, and this goes for resources as well. I continue to work on our new book, *Para Ser Pastor (On Being a Pastor)*, and we continue to pray for the acquisition of the property adjacent to the seminary. Please watch the videos I am attaching to this letter for more information on these projects!

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