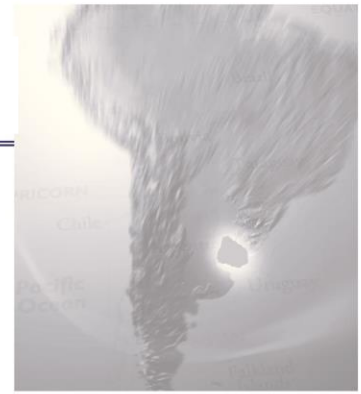


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## PLANTING AND ASSISTING CHURCHES IN **URUGUAY**



“The Bible shows us how the lowly office of ‘shepherd’ becomes heroic, because humility is precursor to the kind of leadership that is understanding, trustworthy, warm, and effective. It’s symbol has become eternal and transforms our conception of influence in the world’s most important Institution, the Church of Jesus Christ” (translated excerpt from my new book).

### **New Book for Pastors**

I finally completed the rough draft of *Para Ser Pastor*, a thematic commentary on the Pastoral Epistles for local church leaders. It is available for pre-order on Amazon.com and will be released on October 25 after our final review process. Like our other books, we trust this one will contribute to the spread of healthy church practice throughout the Spanish-speaking world and help raise funds for our seminary.

### **Fruit from Furlough**

Our family is nearing the end of furlough. Lord willing, we will head back to Uruguay in November to prepare for our full-time summer seminary. By the time we are done, we will have put nearly 25,000 miles on our vehicle, the equivalent of one trip around the entire globe! Each visit to our churches has proved to be a blessing, mainly to us, as we are encouraged by your fellowship around our common faith in our heart language (English). In July, Camp Chetek invited us to share a missionary story with 200 juniors. We praised the Lord with the director at the end of the week when many children told their counselors that they want to be missionaries! The seed has been planted; may God be pleased to bring forth fruit in these young hearts.

Many of you know that we use our seminary YouTube channel to preach and clarify the Gospel throughout the Spanish-speaking world. For the last two weeks, our average number of views has been doubling and even tripling. At the top of the list are videos like *Definitive Analysis of John 1:1 (response to the J.W.'s)*, *John 3:16, A Christian Response to Gender Ideology*, a biblical theology of *Who is the Antichrist*, and some of our co-worker David Gonzalez’s beautifully arranged hymns. Please pray that our channel becomes a dreadful weapon in God’s hands to proclaim the Gospel in today’s marketplace of ideas, the internet.

### **Continuity in Colonia**

We are focusing on ministry in the United States while on furlough. Even so, we have been able to stay connected to our brothers and sisters in Uruguay through WhatsApp, which is their application of choice. Pastor Mario Acevedo and Pastor Juan Terryn have helped with institute classes, and I just began a couple of virtual ones with ten students. Our church hosted a youth conference for 80 young people in July. This resulted in three salvation decisions and nearly forty other decisions for Christian living and service. I am sure that some of these young people will attend the seminary or institute in the future. In general, our home church in Colonia and its church plants are doing well, but we need much prayer. Like shepherds alerted to hungry wolves lurking on the outer edges of the flock, our team needs discernment, stamina, and courage to protect and feed God’s people.

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