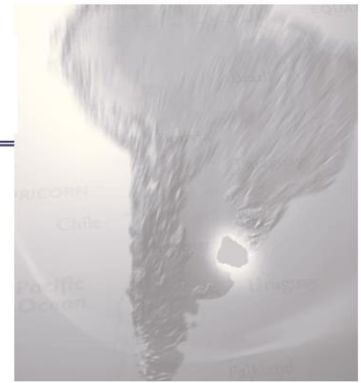


PLANTING AND ASSISTING CHURCHES IN **URUGUAY**



Eric and Jessica were eating at a café when a group of English-speaking college students approached to invite them to a weekend concert. That Saturday night, beautiful music turned into a beautiful relationship.

Concerts and Converts

On May 24, our group of churches in Colonia received a special blessing. Eighteen people from Maranatha Baptist University arrived to hold classical and sacred music concerts throughout our department and in the city of Durazno. This was a first for us and we weren't sure what to expect! We were delighted with the results: the three concerts in Colonia were packed and everyone present heard a beautiful gospel presentation through the songs and preaching. Micki and I were able to connect with an English-speaking couple who are new to Uruguay, Eric and Jessica. Their son Adrian is Owen's age. We visited their home shortly after the concerts and Eric told me he wants to follow Christ and be baptized! We already love this couple and appreciate your prayers as we begin a Bible study with them about the meaning of baptism.

David's Ordination

I have spoken about David Gonzalez in past prayer letters. He is the youth pastor in Colonia, and he and I work together to produce videos for our seminary YouTube channel. On Saturday, June 13, he was ordained as a pastor for gospel ministry. This represents an exciting step forward for the ministry here. David is a gifted musician, preacher, and video artist and will be visiting the States later this year to report to a few churches that support him. Thank you for praying for God's blessing on his life.

Institute and Family

Shortly after our summer seminary concluded in February, we began our Friday night institute. We are studying Hermeneutics, Apologetics, and the Pastoral Epistles. This latter class has proven to be a fun one because it is based on a series of practical questions that are posed at the end of each chapter of our textbook that help us think through, review, and apply the material. I published this book, *Para Ser Pastor*, in 2023. Check it out on Amazon.com if you know a Spanish speaker who might enjoy having a copy.

Owen continues to grow and is doing well at school and church. For years he has been asking for a dog, and this week I finally decided to get one, though we will have to wait for a week or two until we can pick it up from the capital. I will send pictures in our next prayer letter! Micki has been working away in her "Uruguayan paradise," a.k.a. garden. Our new dog will be a Brittany Spaniel and, since it is a hunting breed, should do a fine job of keeping those pesky hares out. They love to enter and gnaw on the young tree bases!

Prayer Requests

- For continued fruit from the concerts, and for us to love and disciple Eric, Jessica and Adrian.
- For God's blessing on David and his family and for them to have a productive visit to the States.
- For effective training in our institute and that as a family we keep serving and growing together!

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