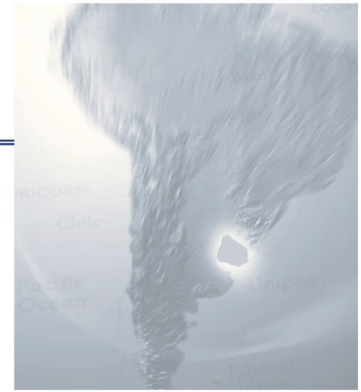


PLANTING AND ASSISTING CHURCHES IN **URUGUAY**



Thank you for praying for Pastor Gustavo Gonzalez who had a terrible fall from the roof while helping build the new church building in Nueva Helvecia. We are praising the Lord that he is okay and that he is healing much better than expected.

“Thank you,” from Pastor Gustavo

Many of you prayed, and some gave to help Gustavo and his family through what will be a long road to recovery. He sent me a note for you that I have translated: “My family and I are amazed at how the Lord has loved and cared for us through His work in your hearts! You have been a great blessing to us. Thank you for allowing yourselves to be used of God by being so generous to us. ‘God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labor of love, which ye have showed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister’ (Hebrews 6:10).”

New Church Building in Nueva Helvecia

Mario Acevedo is one of the pastors from our church who is starting a work in the neighboring city of Tararias. After Gustavo’s fall, he kindly agreed to direct the Nueva Helvecia building project. Aside from a few electric details and flooring, the building is ready for use. The pastor of the church, Andrés Ramirez, has been on furlough in Mexico for a few months. When he returns in November, the church will inaugurate the building. I will send pictures!

We finally sold our house!

On Saturday, September 13, we were in the capital of Montevideo to attend a technology conference with one of our seminary students who is studying computer programming with a focus on artificial intelligence. He, like most present and future pastors in Uruguay, must have secular work to provide for himself and his family. That day, our realtor called us and asked us to stay in the capital until Sunday because a buyer was ready to sign! So, Micki, Owen, and I found a hotel room and made an adventure out of it. We praise the Lord for this development, which will allow us to move closer to the seminary building.

New Book

Recently, I was translating Colossians and noticed something I had previously overlooked. In 4:3, the apostle Paul asks believers to pray that God would open for him a “door of utterance,” also translated “a door for the message,” to proclaim with clarity and precision the “mystery” of the Gospel. I continue to be amazed how God has opened for us “a door for the message” through books and videos which are reaching hundreds of thousands of people. As Paul said, “there are many adversaries;” for us, this amounts to insults and debate challenges on YouTube! My new book, *The Theology of Biblical Greek*, is designed to proclaim and clarify the Gospel through an easy-to-understand appeal to the original language of the New Testament. Please pray that the door remains open. Though the way is narrow, we hope to compel many to join us!

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