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# THE ALVAREZ FAMILY

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## BBFI Missionaries to Uruguay, South America

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### Emily's Health Update

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August was a challenging month for our family. Emily was hospitalized twice within 10 days due to Gastroenteritis. After she was released, she had a follow-up appointment with her family doctor and also with her gynecologist. The gynecologist advised her to get a hysterectomy due to many complications she was having. Emily decided this was the best option and the surgery was scheduled for August 19th, in Cleburne, Tx. The surgery was a success. We were so blessed by our family, Uncle Ron, Aunt Ellen and Wes and Amber, who helped during the recovery process. God always sends the right people at the right time. Emily continues to recover and has two more follow-up appointments with her doctor. We are so thankful for your faithful prayers and support during this month. You are all a blessing to our family.

## Missionary House Project

It is with an overwhelmed sense of gratitude to God and to our loving supportive network that we can announce that ***the funds have been provided*** to complete the remodeling of the Missionary House Project. Witnessing God's provision during this pandemic time is a remembrance that He IS our provider and He IS in control and our needs will be provided for as Paul writes in Philippians 4:9.

### *Interns Welcome!*

Along with the house project we envision what God can do in the future when young people accept the call to work in a Cross-cultural ministry outside of the United States.

This past year we have had several conversations with Missions Interns prospects and the two individual apartments we are remodeling will be a great fit for such experience. With your investment you will be part of missionary training as well!

### *Pray!*

Please pray that all that relates to the work, the building permits, and the relationship with the workers will be touched by God's hand. This is also an opportunity to touch lives with the Gospel so please pray for our architect Victoria and her husband Leo, pray for Martin (the contractor) and his employees and everyone we come in contact with through this project.

### *Thank You Abuelo!*

We want to thank long time BBFI missionary Jesse Parnell (Emily's dad) for his constant help in regards to the remodeling. With the delay of our arrival we really needed someone to help us with many aspects of the house and he has been a tremendous blessing during this time.

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# The Ministry in Uruguay

## **COVID-19**

Our church has returned to in presence services with many reasonable restrictions to protect our people. Even when Uruguay has been featured as one of the most successful countries to fight COVID-19, there is still a concern when it comes to people gatherings. The results of this pandemic plus the winter months are starting to show up in the midst of our church. Some have lost their jobs, some are struggling financially. These 6 months have become too long for many who are lonely and are not technologically savvy.



Sunday Service

## **TEACHING**

I am taking the responsibility to teach/preach for the last three weeks of September through the internet. This will give some time off to the rest of our speakers at church. On Wednesdays I am still teaching on the book of Proverbs and Sundays I will be laying the foundation for something that is within our hearts from the leadership standpoint. We will be talking about “taking our life to the “Next Level” . This is intended to be a time of encouragement for the people to consider a greater commitment to the Lord. Please pray that God will use this theme to show believers that a greater commitment to the Lord will result in greater impact in our lives, families and communities.

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## Prayer Requests

- Fernando M. - Fernando is an atheist. Him and Esteban have been interacting during the time we were away. Yesterday he watched our Proverbs Bible study and then commented on how he recognizes that the Bible has “practical teaching even for people who do not believe in God”.
  - Blanca M. - A single mom who is being discipled through WhatsApp (video phone application). Pray that she will grow in the Lord.
  - Marriages - several couples at our church have been under attack and it is hard for us to witness this and be so far away. Pray that they will remain close to the Lord which is the only one who can help in certain situations.
  - Winter + COVID-19 has made it very difficult for many with their finances. May God provide work for these families. We provide food to help but in some cases it is not enough.
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We want to say Thank You to our dear family and friends at our sending church  
 Seminole Baptist Temple in Springfield, MO.  
 Their generosity and love showed up in a supernatural way. Our family and ministry  
 have been greatly impacted by you.