

# THE ALVAREZ FAMILY

## BBFI Missionaries to Uruguay, South America

### April, May and June

In April, Emily and I celebrated our 20th wedding anniversary. We are thankful for God's grace and teachings during these first twenty years and looking forward to many more! Emily is an anchor in my life and I praise God for her.

On May 17th our oldest son Felipe turned 18. What happened with that little boy? He has turned into a godly young man. Felipe leads our media ministry. He is very focused on his studies preparing himself to pursue a career in music.



June 1st was Emily's Birthday and mine (Esteban) was the 5th and Xavi will be 16 on June 21st. Because of the pandemic we just stayed within our small family circle. Another year that God is giving us to celebrate, to be grateful for His goodness.

### Food Relief and more...

Winter season is starting. Winter is usually a hard season for many families whose work diminishes. This year the financial consequences of COVID are already visible and many do not make ends meet.

We started a C-19 Food Relief last month and we reached out to over 50 families who needed assistance. Some are first time contacts that we were able to reach during this time and our prayer is that the Lord will use this type of outreach as an evangelistic tool.

Because we cannot gather due to the sanitary restrictions, we are not seeing people coming into the church but we have seen an increase of new people watching our online services and Bible studies.

One of the situations that we came across is of a family of 5 who are living in a shack. They had to leave their previous place because of the many gun fire and drug dealings right in front of their home, making it a very difficult situation to raise their three little kids. Jorge and Viviana are working hard trying to build themselves a room that is 13 by 13. When we received this phone call we were told the situation was difficult but we didn't realize how bad until we were there on site. While we were talking about their

construction, one of their daughters said "mom, can you make me cocoa with water?" Here is the situation: when a family does not have money for milk, kids get



Jorge & Viviana's future home



## Pray for Jorgito

Two months ago a church member called us because one of his co-workers lost his life in a house fire. A wall collapsed while he was asleep.

He left behind a son, Jorgito, age 7, living with his mom Silvia.

Our pastoral team went to the graveside and Jesse Parnell gave a Gospel presentation. Some of the family members came to a church service after that, and some made decisions to follow Christ.

Yesterday Silvia had an aneurysm while riding her motorcycle returning home. The accident also provoked severe brain damage and they are waiting to make sure that there is no brain activity to disconnect her from life support.

Gustavo and Noelia are a couple from our church that have been with this family during these hard times. Please pray for them as well. This is the first time they experienced so much loss around them. Pray that God will comfort them as well. We are waiting on the tests results. If God decides to heal Silvia, it will be a miracle.

used to drinking cocoa with water. Emily and I left and with no hesitation we went and got them milk. Viviana was extremely thankful.

The C-19 Relief funds are allowing us also to buy some of the construction material this family needs to finish their home.

With the C-19 Relief Fund we have been able to hire people to work at the church so they can provide for their needs.

We have also paid electrical bills to single moms who have almost no income.

This has been a season for us to be sensitive to needs on a different level. Most of the people we help are individuals capable of working but because of the pandemic they have lost their source of income or hours have been reduced.

We are thankful for your generosity and love during this time. God is doing His work in His way. Sometimes we don't understand it and even become like Habakkuk but He is in control and we are re-adjusting every day.

Beatriz has two sons in their thirties. They are addicts who live in the streets. Beatriz is a COVID survivor who many of you prayed for a few months ago. This week one of her sons was placed in jail. This was very heartbreaking for her and it is hard for us to see her going through this. Although the situation seems hopeless, every Wednesday at prayer meeting via zoom she thanks God for her life, for allowing her to live one more day. Please pray for our dear sister.

We praise God because we have seen the faithfulness of the church although we sense people are getting weary of the pandemic, confinement and lack of in person meetings.

We are taking advantage of this time to do some needed upgrades at the church. Soon we will have a new set up on the stage and we are also revamping our online presence. Many have stated that when restrictions are lifted they will be at church so we are getting ready to receive more people. Let this be soon!