

THE ALVAREZ FAMILY

BBFI Missionaries to Uruguay, South America

Children's Ministry

In the last weeks we have been working on improving a kids area. But the greatest need is of teachers. At this moment we have two ladies (Blanca & Estela) that are receiving some training and we are thankful for that. We are praying that the Lord will allow us to see more kids coming to church.

Adult Ministry

The 65 & over ministry gathered last week to watch "Courageous". The grandparents of the church were excited to being able to gather after a long time waiting.

Special Request

Esteban's mom had a health incident two weeks ago. This ended in a series of testing and the Neurologist suspects that she is starting to show some signs of Alzheimers. We have observed some signals that left us wondering for quite some time. We praise God that she had the medical attention needed at due time.



For God alone my
soul waits in
silence;
from him comes
my salvation.
Psalm 62:1

A Gospel Story

Whether you are in vocational ministry or involved in any type of ministry that involves people you will find out that individuals suffer situations that only the Gospel of Jesus can surpass.

That is the case of Susana. She was encouraged by her sister Estela, to watch our online services during the pandemic. She lives two hours from our church in a location greatly affected by crime. She is a single mom who leaves home at 5:00 AM and returns after 5:00PM, leaving her daughter at home. The pressures of life and financial difficulties has affected her health. A few months ago her son got murder. She was never able to find out where he was until several months later when the police told her that he was already buried because they couldn't find his relatives. Her pain augmented and her struggles continued.

During our COVID Relief, our church was able to help her with food. After we opened the church she attended a couple of services but always on the edge of making a decision for Christ. Her sister Estela decided to start lessons with her via WhatsApp talking and teaching her about the Gospel. With a catholic

Security Issues

The neighborhood where the church is located has transitioned from a mid-low class to a mid upper class. The location now is filled with families who thrive financially. This is part of a ministerial challenge (the rich think that they are fine without God), also has an impact on crime rates. Our neighborhood has been targeted as a preferred area for thieves. Twice and within 48 hours our church has been a target. One night the thief actually got into the multipurpose room and even tried to enter a pastoral house. Pastor Gabriel was alerted by one of his dogs and the thief left. Then another man (or the same one) tried to break into the church again. This pushed us to start improving our security and we are working on different things like cameras protective wiring and in the near future we will put an alarm. Although this was a close encounter we are thankful that the man didn't get to enter the pastoral house. We are thankful for your prayers for the ministry because we see how God protected Gabriel and his family that night. Next day I reinforced the church's door with metal sheets. Something that wasn't covered in Bible College classes but it was accomplished.

background, Susana soon realized that a lot of the lessons she was being taught were far away from what her catholic faith taught her.

In October the ladies had a retreat. Before getting in the bus Estela told Emily that her sister was ready to make a decision for Christ. Our church prayed for over a year for her salvation. They got in the bus and Emily went right away to Susana's seat and lead her to Christ a few miles after they left. Of course the greatest dynamic is the team effort. You have a church praying, family members teaching and above all the Holy Spirit convincing of her sin and the need for repentance.

Pray for Susana as she grows in biblical faith.



IS URUGUAY THE PLACE FOR YOU?

With a taste of Europe, Uruguay stands out for its solid democracy but also for being one of the most liberal countries in the world. Diversity is promoted everywhere starting in the classrooms and at a young age. The idea of a God is almost eradicated from young people's minds. This makes it a bit more challenging in comparison with countries where Christendom has been embedded in the culture for centuries. But the reality of the spiritual need is very present. Only the Gospel of Jesus Christ can fulfill the deepest needs.

In our previous letter we mentioned a special prayer request for more workers who will join our ministry team.

Emily and I have been talking about this for quite sometime and we think it is time to encourage people to consider Uruguay as their mission field.

We are praying for team members who will come to join forces with us. People who will expand the vision of how to reach the Uruguayan people.

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