

THE ALVAREZ FAMILY

BBFI Missionaries to Uruguay, South America

We have a college student kid!

Felipe our oldest finished High School and it is getting ready to transition to the U.S. He will be attending Liberty University in the Fall of 2022.

This means that he will be looking for a job, a church to attend and start a brand new life experience as a young adult.

We will be helping him with this transition time. We will be in Virginia for a few weeks helping him to get settled there. We are thankful that the Lord provided friends and churches that will be close by to help him as well. This will be a challenging time but he is ready for it!

Please pray for the following

- For our family as we enter this new stage.
- A job for Felipe
- That we will find a car for us to purchase and use while in the US.



Church needs to be more than just planned services and busy work. The intended purpose for the church is to share life together with others. We've noticed that after the pandemic, our church had lost a sense of unity. We were "doing church" but we had lost the feeling of belonging to the church. This has been the continuous fight during this post pandemic time. We have been praying about this. That the Lord would bring back the sense of unity to our church body.

This past month we had a "Family Day", not as an evangelistic event but as an opportunity to gather as a church, have a meal, play some games, be encouraged with the conversations and interactions. This Sunday afternoon we had a fair number of people who came and participated. We ended with a worship time, placing an emphasis on family worship and the importance of it.

One amazing victory that Sunday was having Romina with us. She is Alberto & Estela's oldest daughter. Recently she has been going through a very difficult personal time that took her to a short period of time in a mental institution. (please do not put this information online). Her mom was a bit hesitant to invite her to church because she experiences anxiety attacks but this Sunday she participated in the games, laughed and felt very welcomed. During the worship time, Alberto had tears of joy because he has been praying for his daughter for a long time.



We consider this a great first step for Romina to start having some type of connection with our church members. Please keep her in our prayers because she needs salvation, she needs hope and healing and we know that all of that is found in Jesus.

Pray for our church. Although some believers have not been faithful, missing a lot of services and even committing to things during church service times, it is encouraging to see others becoming more grounded in their faith.

MY TEARS: Conversations about GRIEF (picture above). This upcoming Saturday & Sunday we will be having a workshop about GRIEF. Several people will be attending. This workshop will be led by pastor Gabriel and his wife Gabriela, who speak about their life experience losing a three year old son due to brain cancer. Because of their experience they convey the supernatural comfort that comes from the Holy Spirit and the Hope we can find in Christ. This is a great opportunity for our church to minister to people who are currently suffering the loss of loved ones.

Eight months ago I received a call from Marcelo. Marcelo and I went to high school together. Life took us to different routes but a few years ago he contacted me and told me that he trusted Jesus as his savior. I listened to him as he stated "my friend I need to talk to you, I have lung cancer". The following months we continued our communication via telephone (because of all the COVID restrictions I could not visit him). Two months ago Marcelo went to be with the Lord. Emily and I spent the last 72 hours accompanying his wife, Natalia, his mom Leda and sister Alejandra. When his wife called me, he had been sent home with hospice care. God gave us a tremendous opportunity to be with him until his final hours. He stated that he was going to be fine, that he was going to heaven. This brings such peace and hope to the family members who are believers as Marcelo was, but there are friends and other family members who do not have that assurance of eternal life.

At 1:00 AM by his bedside I was asked to pray. I brought scriptures of comfort to the conversation and then prayed. Marcelo was breathing very hard, his mom was broken, everyone around his bed was crying but then something special started to happen. One by one several people came to thank me for the words I expressed. Marcelo's brother-in-law came and said "I am not into the whole christian thing but your words spoke to my heart this evening". I just talked about the hope of eternal life that we can only find in Jesus. How Marcelo trusted what the Bible said and that he was going to be well. Please pray for Nahuel. Then Ana another high school class mate came and then Atalí, and then Alejandra talking with Emily and on and on, one by one people were coming expressing how thankful they were because of the comfort we were providing. This started a chain of events and conversations with people about their spiritual life and our prayer is that we will see people coming to Christ because of Marcelo's testimony and the conversations we've had so far.

This past Sunday Emily and I did not attend church because we were (and still are) sick. To our surprise, our boys told us that Natalia, Atalí and Ana came to church. After the service they had an opportunity to talk to pastor Gabriel and Gabriela and they promised they will be at the GRIEF workshop. This is all orchestrated by a sovereign God, and we want to give Him all the Glory for what He is doing in people's lives. Please pray especially for Ana, Agustina, Atalí, Gabriel Leone, Inti, Nahuel, Alejandra and Diego. All of them related to Marcelo. All of them in the need of a savior. We did not know most of them but now God has opened a door of opportunity that we must cross. We want to be instruments of hope. Pray that we will do a good follow up on these individuals and this upcoming Saturday, please pray for the workshop.

Pray for pastor Gabriel and Gabriela who are providing the teaching. Their oldest son is away from the Lord. The enemy is using him with the intention of distracting them from the task they have ahead. He has rebelled against God and against his parents, bringing a tremendous amount of pain and suffering to both of them. In the midst of this, we know God is going to be using them in a mighty way.